

Mission Hub Church resourcing in the rural
context and building a rural missional network

Introductions:

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Diocese of Coventry Vision



The purpose of the Diocese of Coventry is to:

Worship God, Make new disciples and Transform communities.

Bishop Christopher's vision is that, as we do this together, we will rejoice in being bearers of life, bringers of life, agents of life with:

- Restored health
- New growth
- Renewed relationships

Vision for the six Mission Hub Churches

The developing call of Hub Churches will be to:

- work alongside local churches to
facilitate accompany encourage
- model growth in ways that are appropriate
for their context and tradition

Rural Peripatetic gift



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Rural Midwives



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The Diocese is hoping:

every parish or benefice
will grow from its own life

a new worshipping community

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Abraham and the
Oaks at Mamre
Genesis 18

Rural Mission Hub

Alcester Minster Mission Hub with a Rural Focus

- Releasing Capacity – looking at structures, organization etc.
- Exploring Possibilities – mission thinking and new initiatives
- Sharing Experience – training, learning and networking

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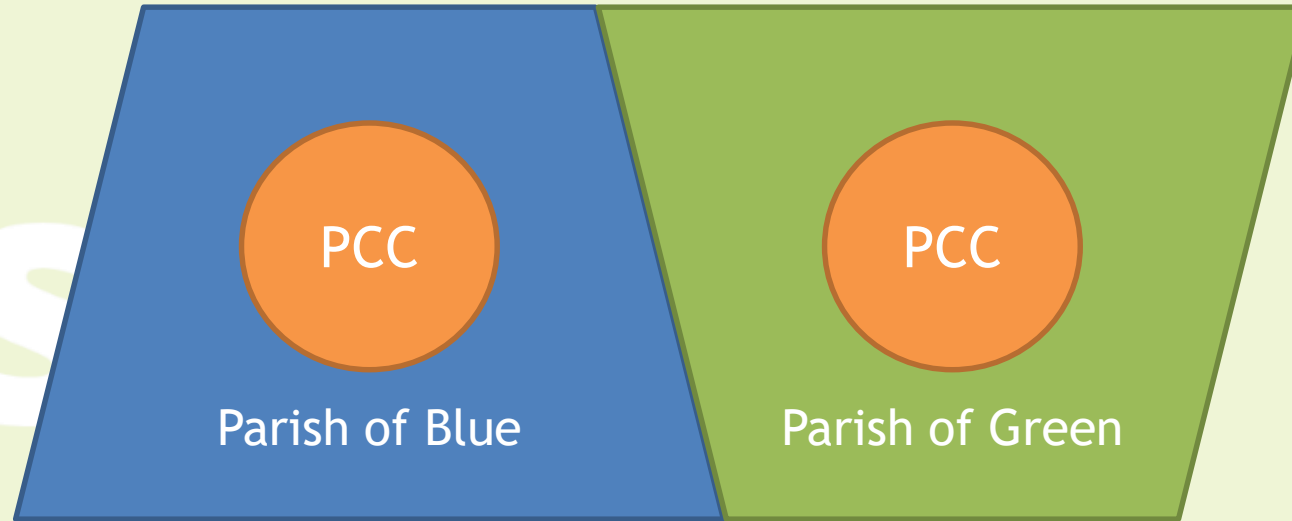
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Matt Jermyn, Effective Structures Learning Mentor

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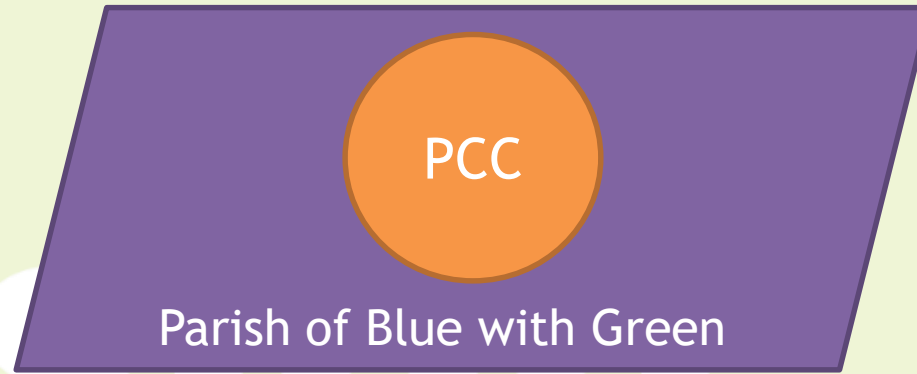
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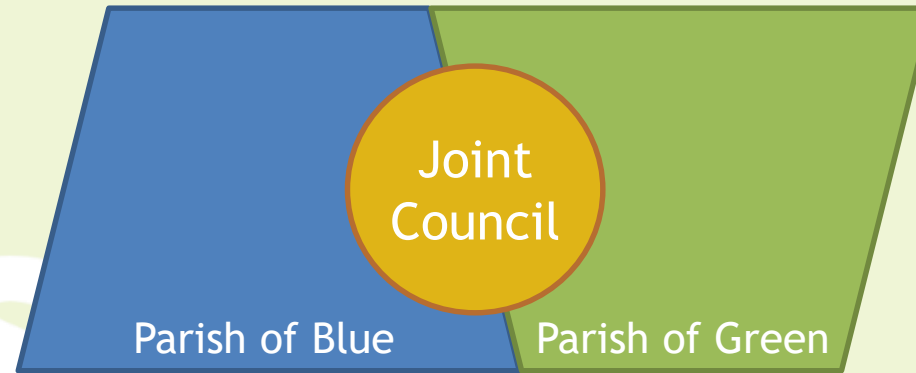
Option 1: Uniting Parishes



- Done by a Pastoral Scheme.
- As a PCC exists for each parish, the PCCs are also united.
- Options exist for fair representation on the PCC, deputy wardens, etc.

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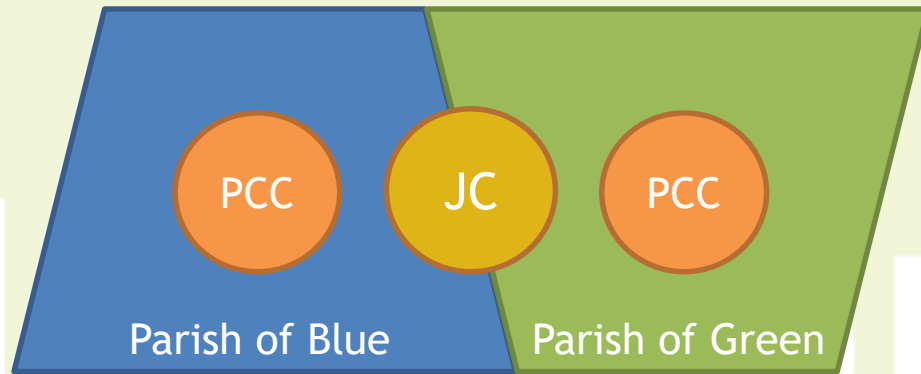
Option 2: Joint Council replaces PCCs



- Transfer all the PCCs' property, rights, liabilities and functions to a Joint Council.
- Scheme under the Church Rep. Rules.
- Flexible membership
- Parishes must be connected.

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Option 3: Joint Council in addition to PCCs



- Transfer only some of the property, rights, liabilities and functions of the PCCs.
- Creates a legal entity for a benefice, which could help in some circumstances.

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What might you want to think about?

- Church identity
- Some shared life
- Money
- Responsibility for buildings

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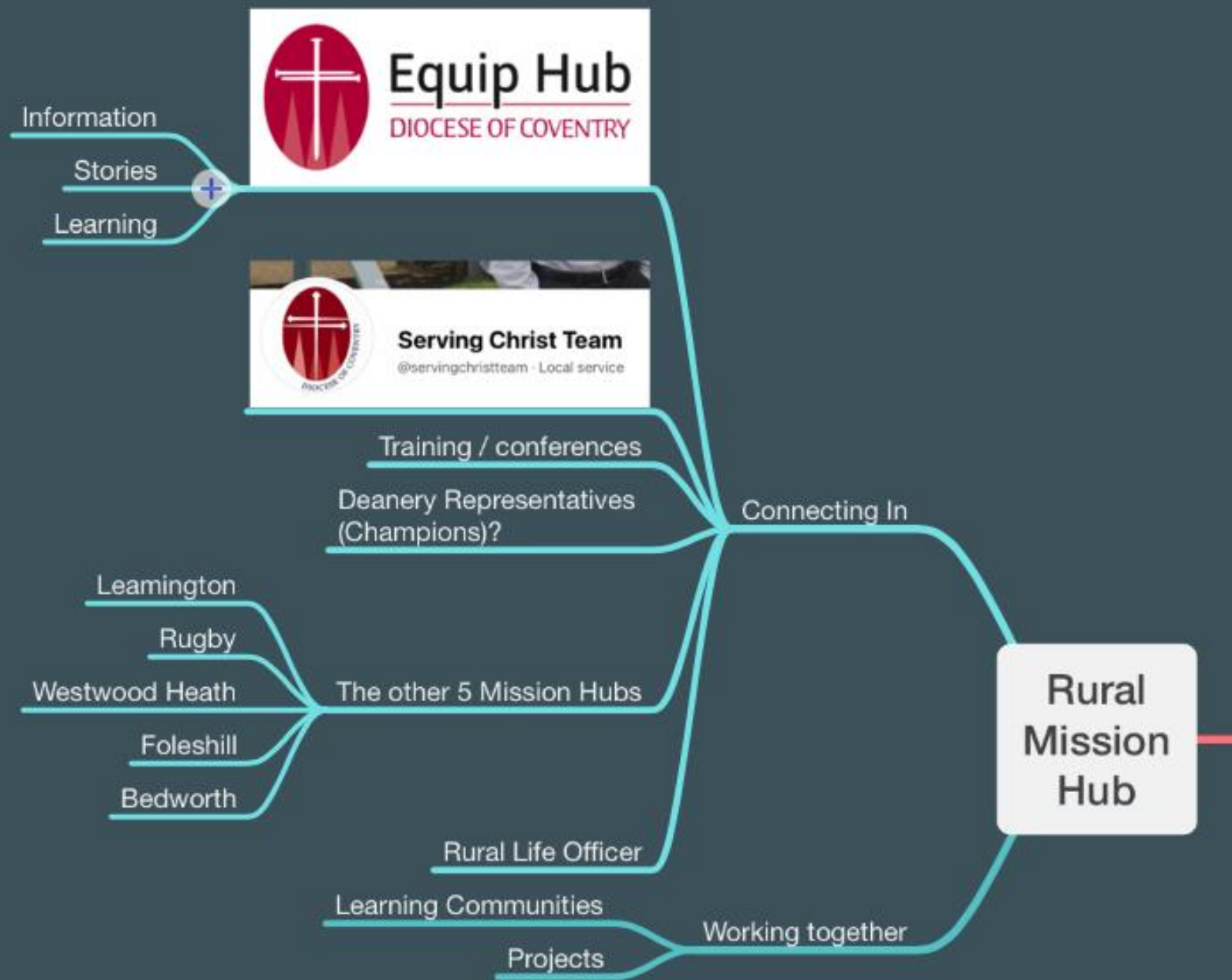
Other possibilities:

- Friends groups
- Festival churches

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Arthur Rank Centre



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Fresh Expressions Rural
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New Wine Rural



Rural Ministries



The Filling Station

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Village Hope

Rural Evangelism Network

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RURAL MISSION SOLUTIONS

Rural Mission Solutions



Other dioceses doing rural
mission



Church of
England
Greenhouse

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A-Board outside little village church...



Messy Church



Rural Music Festival



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Why do this? Two examples:

- Rural parishes which created a joint council alongside the PCCs to make decisions about mission and ministry across the benefice.
- Pair of parishes which created a joint council to absorb administration centrally, and free up capacity in the churches.

Rural Miss Hub

STEPHEN MAWDITT



Redigging the Wells

A REMARKABLE ACCOUNT
OF RURAL RENEWAL

'I am so pleased that Stephen has written this book'

Nicky Gumbel



Good Friday at the
crosses

Forest Church

