

Canon Kieron O'Brien, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Planning has issued an update on the progress of the Pastoral Plan across our Diocese. Canon Kieron writes:

"Welcome to this first update about how the Pastoral Plan for our Diocese is progressing. We are now in May and Deacon Nick St John and I have made very positive visits to the first four deaneries which are launching the process of becoming moderated parishes. These are: Cathedral, Guildford, Lewes, and Crawley. They each have their own unique characteristics in terms of geography, demographics and history, so the way in which the Pastoral Plan will be enacted in each case will be adapted to local needs. However, there are definitely some common threads and it's great to see that the driving force everywhere is about how we can authentically equip ourselves for mission in the challenges that lie ahead.

"The initial meetings with the current clergy teams, priests and deacons focussed on the different gifts that team members can bring to the wider vision. The clergy were invited to share what it is in their ministry which really gives them life with the diversity of answers showing us that we are always stronger as a team - as no single person has all the gifts that we need to lead a flourishing parish. After that positive start, in each place, we moved on to outline the stages necessary on the journey to becoming a parish which is a community of communities. Together with the moderators, we will be forming a project plan for each parish and identifying the formation needs for both clergy and lay leaders along the way."

To watch Canon Kieron's update in full watch the video below, or [click here](#) and read the transcript. Our [Pastoral Plan webpage](#) was updated recently to include [Q&As](#) following on from January's Pastoral Plan webinar and a [glossary](#).



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With Canon Kieron O'Brien



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