

# DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE



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*Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle*



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Dear Father, Deacon and Lay Representative,

## **Partnership Guidelines – First Steps**

At the two open meetings that took place on 9<sup>th</sup> February this year we announced the 18 new partnerships that will provide a sound structure for our diocese into the future. I am very optimistic that these partnership arrangements will allow us to share resources, both human and material and to become stronger and better equipped for furthering the Kingdom of God.

Over the past few weeks a lot of careful work, discussion and prayer have led to further information about how partnerships will operate and the enclosed 'Partnership Guidelines – First Steps' document sets out the details. In the months ahead more in-depth guidelines will be offered on many of the key areas.

After consultation and reflection I have decided that I will appoint Deans to lead the new partnerships. I believe that Partnership Deans is a suitable title for this role and will help to attach both credibility and importance to it. The full list of these appointments is attached for your information.

Work is in hand to name each of the partnerships and this will be finalised by Pentecost when partnerships will be officially established.

Thank you all for the excellent work that you have carried out during our Forward Together in Hope journey. As we move into implementing the new arrangements your prayers and support will become even more important.

With very best wishes

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## **Appointment of Partnership Deans**

### **Vicariate A - Northumberland**

A1 - Fr Oliver Keyes

A2 - Fr Peter Stott

A3 - Fr Christopher Warren

A4 - Fr James Dunne

### **Vicariate B - Newcastle and North Tyneside**

B1 - Mgr Andrew Faley

B2 - Fr Michael Campion

B3 - Fr Shaun O'Neill

### **Vicariate C - South Tyneside and Gateshead**

C1 - Fr John Gibbons

C2 - Fr Paul Zielinski

C3 - Fr Adrian Tuckwell

C4 - Fr Kevin Dixon

### **Vicariate D - Sunderland and East Durham**

D1 - Fr Michael McCoy

D2 - Fr Mark Millward

D3 - Fr Anthony Hastie

D4 - Fr Andrew Downie

### **Vicariate E - Cleveland and South Durham**

E1 - Fr Michael Griffiths

E2 - Fr Dennis Tindall

E3 - Fr Greg Price