

WINWICK DEANERY UPDATE



I am
the Way
the Truth
and the
Life. **John 14:6**



DECEMBER DEANERY UPDATE

✓ **LARGER SINGLE PARISH PROGRESS:** We are delighted that 12 of 14 parishes of Winwick Deanery voted to explore the formation of a Larger Single Parish.

📅 **UPCOMING LAUNCH:** **Sunday 1st Feb 2026, 4pm at St Oswald's Winwick** - We're launching the two year 'acting as if' stage with a deanery Candlemas Evensong.

📍 **PCC INFO MORNING:** **Sat 17th Jan 2026, 9.30 for 10am at St Oswald's parish hall** – PCCs are invited to attend. The Fit for Mission team will be there to explain the next steps and what change teams will look like.

👉 **CHANGE LEAD APPOINTED:** Revd Martin Cox will guide the transition process until a Rector is appointed in due course.

👉 **STRONGER LINKS:** Father Michael Vyse has been appointed Assistant Area Dean to support Revd Martin Cox.

👥 **CLERGY AND DEANERY COLLABORATION:** Deanery leaders and clergy have met regularly since the vote, alongside Fit for Mission facilitators, Lisa and Laura, to plan the transition, address PCC questions, and agree initial timings. These well-attended meetings have been positive and strengthened relationships across the deanery, including with churches that voted out.

👉 **NEW ROLE:** We are currently advertising a Part-time administrator funded by Fit for Mission – appointment expected January to support the Change Lead in the transition process.

🍴 **RETIRED CLERGY LUNCH:** Archdeacon Simon & Revd Martin Cox will be hosting a lunch for retired clergy of the deanery where they will explore what ministry within a larger single parish might look like.

👉 **NAVIGATION TEAM:** Expressions of interest are now being invited, to be appointed in the new year. The team will begin meeting in February. An appointments team has been formed from Deanery synod to oversee the discernment process.

📢 **COMMUNICATIONS CHAMPIONS:** Each PCC will appoint a 'Larger Single Parish champion' to be the main channel of communication.

May God bless you.

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