



### **Would your benefice or deanery appreciate a walk with Jesus?**

We are offering Deanery days that let participants explore discipleship and share experiences of Growing Faith.

Taking the road to Emmaus with Jesus as your travelling companion was the thought provoking subject of a recent Deanery Day in Wiltshire.

Led by the Wilts Archdeaconry Rural Field Officer, the Revd Rhona Floate and our Discipleship Co-Ordinator Debbie Orriss, the day which was arranged for members of the Calen Deanery, was called 'Walking with Jesus' and used the road to Emmaus as the main scripture

Assistant Rural Dean Bob Kenway, who presided at a Eucharist at the end of the day said:

"I felt there was a lot of good interaction and I've had positive responses. I am sure it's something we can repeat."



Debbie Orriss explains the format:

"In the morning we explored our themes through prayer and the Bible specifically.

"This included an exercise called 'Dwelling in the Word', where we spent time with a Bible passage, and each shared in groups, what we had particularly noticed as we listened to it being read. It was an enriching experience for many as we learnt from each other aspects of the scripture we hadn't noticed before.

"In the afternoon, we thought about what God's Kingdom was like, and how we as churches help children and adults to experience it, and enter into it.

"This led to some lively discussion! The opening worship was sensitively put together and led by Steven and Jenny Colby. Steven is training as an LLM and Jenny is a retired but still very active Church Army Evangelist."

People were invited to take a small cross or heart sticker to put in their shoe, to remind them that they were 'walking with Jesus' when they left the day. One attendee said:

"This year I have found January a bit of a struggle, but what a blessing it was to take a day out to build our faith and encourage each other. Very much appreciated".

If you would like a similar day for your Benefice or Deanery, or to find out more, do get in touch with Debbie Orriss at [debbie.orriss@salisbury.anglican.org](mailto:debbie.orriss@salisbury.anglican.org).

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