

A Day of Reflection for the Lindisfarne Partnership – Saturday 14 July 2018



On a beautiful sunny, warm Saturday, clergy and lay members of the Lindisfarne Partnership (Alnwick, Seahouses, Berwick, Wooler, Whittingham, Rothbury and Thropton) met at St Paul's RC Primary School, Alnwick, to explore key issues for our partnership. Amy Cameron and Kathryn Turner ably helped the group to explore the possibilities and opportunities available.

Kathryn began with a reflection on the spiritual dimension of the day taking the 15th Sunday reading from Ephesians as our theme. We then explored the way forward and how we hoped to manage pastoral change through discipleship. We were asked to consider whether we were: "**caretakers, undertakers or risk takers**".

Finally with reference to Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness, *Gaudete et Exsultate* as the basis for all partnership work, the gathering departed feeling involved, supported and inspired.

A number of key issues emerged in the course of the day that the partnership will take forward for further exploration and action. These included:

- The youth in our partnership and practical ways to engage them.
- Spiritual formation for various groups across the partnership including prayer and scripture groups, house celebrations and more.
- How to transform "partnership" to be a fully inclusive body rather than three committees
- Ensuring that each parish/ worshipping community is central to partnership.
- Creating a vision for the partnership- and
- Open our churches as places accessible that welcome all whatever stage they are at in their faith journey.

Dorothy Brett - 16 July 2018

