

How will this be funded?

The project will cost £41 thousand per annum for the next 5 years.

We currently have the opportunity to bid for financial support from the Diocese of Hereford to help get this project off the ground. We can bid for 60% of the funding we need to see us through the next five years. After that we will need to fund the project ourselves.

We are hoping that the remaining 40% will be funded from a variety of sources, Principal among these will be the deanery churches who will benefit from the project by reaching local young people and families in new ways. Walford parish has already made a generous offer to contribute from their financial reserves. We are hoping that many other parishes (a large number also have very substantial funds in reserve) may do the same. Ross PCC will be making a considerable contribution to the cost and underwriting the 40% share of the costs for 5 years.

We are also looking for Project Angels - people, businesses and organisations who see the value in this project and are willing to help with financing - a sort of crowd funding. Can you help?

What can I / we do to help?

Find out more about the project pray about it and talk to us about it. Invite us to come and talk to your PCC or organisation. Contact caroline@rossparishes.uk or mark@rossparishes.uk.

We are also looking for Project Angels - people, businesses and organisations who see the value of this work and are prepared to give it financial backing. We are hoping that a good many of the project angels will be parishes across South Herefordshire in which the young people and their families live. £281 from every parish in the deanery would enable this project to go ahead.

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A LifeLink Chaplain in The Ross Parishes and Ross & Archenfield Deanery



What's the idea of a LifeLink Chaplain?

There has long been a vision in the Ross and Archenfield Deanery to build on excellent church work with primary schools as students move up into our one Deanery secondary school - John Kyrle High School. We can now see a way to fulfil this vision.

We are looking at the possibility of appointing an adult, in sympathy with the Church of England who will work with young people and their families, especially of secondary school age, from across the Ross and Archenfield Deanery (South Herefordshire).

This person will be based for a part of their week at John Kyrle High School and will work with young people, and crucially their families, where they are: in school, in society and in church.

What sort of things would a LifeLink Chaplain do?

- **In school:** Take assemblies, run clubs, discussion groups, prayer groups in school. Run Youth Alpha, confirmation groups (students and parents),
- Build relationships with JKHS staff and pupils and with the team from Ross Baptist Church and other churches already mentoring in the school.
- **At home:** Work with families and young people - family activities, outings, camping, and opportunities to explore faith such as Food for Thought, Who Let the Dads Out, The Kitchen Table Project, Care for the Family parenting groups and much more.
- **In our churches:** Introduce more youth and family activity for young people across the deanery. Work alongside existing youth initiatives in the Ross Parishes (such as the Leaf youth group, Youth Choir and Messy Church). Grow them, introduce more youth activity and extend it across the deanery.
- Grow current initiatives and extend them across the deanery.



Why now?

- This is an exciting way to grow churches with young people and their families.
- Two similar posts have been created in neighbouring schools in Hereford city. Our LifeLink Chaplain will work with them.
- An excellent start has been made with the Leaf youth group and St Mary's Youth Choir. We want to build on and improve this offering and extend it through the Deanery.
- We have a time limited opportunity to apply to the Diocese for funding (up to 60%) for this post.
- The next priest in the St Weonards group of parishes will spend 20% of their time working with children across the Deanery.
- Change in leadership and direction at John Kyrle High School means that this is now the right time to build relationships and this project.



Why John Kyrle High School?

It's an obvious gathering place for the young people of South Herefordshire and one where they spend a good deal of their time. Importantly, the catchment area of the school coincides with the Parishes in our Deanery. We also want to reach the young people where they are. Working in their community and in their churches is also an important aspect of the project.