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Hostile Rivals?





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Making pioneering integral to parish life

Unlocking blockages to thriving





‘The church is full of toxicity and born of grief and loss and it spills out to those they expect to wave a wand and make it like it used to be.’

Vicar



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‘As long as we individually and as communities refuse to grieve over that which is lost ... we will not let go of the past. Thus we will be refusing to make room for much needed apostolic resurrection, freshness and innovation.’

Arbuckle, p. 3, *Grieving for Change*



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Who do we aspire to be for God and
for our local community?



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Nurture the alternative thinkers



**Giving people the
tools, postures,
practices, & skills
to help change
church culture.**



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How?

- ▶ Create a Community of Learning
- ▶ Gather, collate, interpret and present research
- ▶ Partner with three different dioceses in each year of the project in a bespoke training agreement.

Courses

- First Steps
- Culture Change in Practice
- Community of Learning
- Values Day
- Book Club.



Feedback from Lichfield Curates

► Value of the weekend

67% 5 stars

33% 4 stars

► Quality of Content

47% 5 stars

53% 4 stars



Pioneering Support in Lichfield

- ▶ Bespoke Partnership with Pioneering Parishes tailored with/for diocese from April 2024
- ▶ Development of Pioneer Pathways & learning



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**Designing, growing and cultivating
fresh expressions**



Questions?



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