

Minutes of the Hertford and Ware Deanery Synod meeting
Tuesday 1st May 2018
All Saints, Hertford : 8.00pm

Chair . Diana Perkins

1. Prayer and Welcome
2. Present (as noted on attendance sheets or advised separately) Canon Jo Loveridge, Diana Perkins, Revd Mark Dunstan, Pat Parker, Jill Whitley, David Whitley, Richard McKay, Revd Jenny Gray, Revd Angela Lynas, Margaret Rank, Nerine Chalmers (All Saints, Hertford), Michael Sutcliffe, Colin Taylor, Lyn Paddon, Trevor Paddon, Peter Dane, Catriona Baker, David Scott, Dorothy Toyn, Dinah Findlay, Lynne Griffiths, Colin Bird, Janet Bird, Anthony Collinson, Geoff Oates (Reader, All Saints Hertford), Revd Robert Thompson, Revd Nick Sharp, Dorothy Abel Smith, Revd Caroline Keightley, Revd Doug Loveridge (Secretary).
Apologies ; Revd Ysmena Pentelow, Mike West, Sue Rogers, Ian Aitken, Revd Alan Stewart, David Goodman.
3. Minutes of the previous Synod (6 November 2017): accepted
4. Matters Arising.
5. The 2017 Deanery Synod Report was noted.
6. Diocesan Synod Elections . Notification that this Synod is entitled to 5 lay and 5 clerical members on Diocesan Synod. The voting period is between 1st May and 15th July, notices will be sent for nominations.
7. General Synod Report . Simon Baines. An unusually short Synod was held in February. It discussed the issues re the late Bishop George Bell and Safeguarding. There was a review of the Crown Nominations Commission as there is a concern that those elected come mostly from pressure groups rather than the centre. The Synod was addressed by Primates from Pakistan, New Zealand and Africa who requested a greater say in future appointments of the Archbishop of Canterbury. A report was given on Methodist/Anglican unity. A presentation was given on Digital Evangelism. There was a debate on Downs Syndrome. The next Synod meeting is in July.

Electoral Roll figures and new parish officers from APCM are to be forwarded to the Deanery Synod Secretary.

GDPR . proposed notice attached, consent forms to be made available for the next Synod meeting

8. 8.20 **Main Topic. The Revd Alison Jackson : Fresh Expressions Advisor.**
(Notes added below)
9. 9.20 Deanery Mission Action Plan - Update by the Rev Mark Dunstan
10. Dates for future Synods: Wed 11 July, Mon 22 October
11. AOB The Deanery website is now available, additions are being made
www.hertfordandwaredeanery.org.uk or please Google it!
7.30 Refreshments for 7.45 start for future meetings, ending earlier, was agreed.
Escape: ecumenical mission in Ware September 2018. Revd Caroline Keightley said that plans are progressing well.
12. Closing Prayer
13. Next Meeting confirmed as 11 July, 7.30 for 7.45pm. Venue invitation please?

Fresh Expressions Advisor.

Alison invited the members of Synod to reflect together on %What is your prayer for your Deanery?+

Making New Disciples is the current priority for the Diocese and the Deanery (see MAP). We want to see spiritual and numerical growth 1) Renewing existing modes of church and 2) reaching new people in new ways . FX.

Reaching New People.

We can develop fresh new Christian communities of church and equip leaders.

We seek 30 new communities per year for 10 years.

Alison showed a short film of young people in a FX/church situation and of Messy Church for children.

Alison proceeded to show a slide of the Journey that churches will be on at some point. This can be accessed on

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/reaching-new-people-journey/>

Alison asked : %Where is your parish at present?+in terms of its journey, and %What one thing will help you to move on from here?+

She stated that the project is about our imagination . it could be anything.

Training pathways.

Webinars are available every other Wednesday on the Diocesan website.

Learning events and Vision Days are currently being promoted.

Training for Mission Shaped Ministers is happening now (1 year duration).

Support.

Grants are available for students living expenses and accommodation.

1-1 consultancy and training is available, also for PCCs.

Reaching New People booklets were offered and remain available.

Questions can be emailed to Alison. A prayer card is available.

Story Telling is on Social Media and Icons on Vision Day leaflets.

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