

## **Hertford and Ware Deanery Synod**

### **Standing and Pastoral Committee**

**Minutes of the meeting Monday 11 June 2018**

**All Saints Hertford, 2.00pm**

- 1. Welcome and Prayer**
- 2. Apologies for Absence.** Lyn Paddon, Nick Sharp. Present: Pat Parker, Diana Perkins, Catriona Baker, Mark Dunstan, Janet Bird, Jo Loveridge, Doug Loveridge (Secretary), Mike West (14.30).
- 3. Minutes** of 16 April 2018  
St Mary's is now confirmed for Wed 11 July
- 4. Matters arising;** Revd Nick Sharp announcement re new appointment, leaving in early September for Rye Park, so pending vacancy at Hertford Heath.  
Mark asked re Escape. The main speaker is especially skilled at men's ministry. There will also be a focus on escape from addiction.
- 5. Fresh Expressions** update and review of previous Synod meeting inc. Adviser's address and responses. There had been concerns about audibility.  
FX is often done ecumenically. The official launch was six months ago. The idea is to reach out to the 40% of people who have never had any contact with the church.  
Mark said that Alison seemed to use an "off-the-shelf" diocesan talk. Some ideas were included about rural ministry, also that training will be available re Sacraments. Janet said it is evolving, and they need feedback. Concern was expressed re shopping trolley jousting. At Chapter, some had said they are concentrating on current ministry being done well. Diana noted that sometimes we need to stop things. Jo said that whatever aspect we take on, we should do them well, as we all expect a professional standard.  
There were mixed feelings as to whether the address brought the result we hoped for.
- 6. Parish Share – the current situation.** Pastoral Aid Grant.  
Treasurers' meeting 2018? A graph is on the website. Ponsbourne pay £500 pm but should give £932pm – accepted that they normally catch up at the end of the year.  
Waterford £600 down, they also usually catch up.  
Stanstead Abbots is awaiting a large Gift Aid application.  
High Cross paid 3/4 of first quarter.

Thundridge have paid £7.5k from last year, currently £2k from this year.

Some parishes pay ahead, which can compensate somewhat.

Jo said a Treasurers' meeting can be valuable, especially re any Pastoral Aid grant. Also any adjustment issues, as last year. There is another meeting – Budget Presentation - on 4<sup>th</sup> October, can this be combined, say 20 minutes of Deanery Treasurers? *Currently Unresolved.*

- 7. Lay Worship Leaders. Catriona** had sent information re the ten people trained. Janet mentioned Lay Readers (LLW are for their parishes only): Jo suggested a ministry presentation of different options.
- 8. Deanery Website** [www.hertfordandwaredeanery.org.uk](http://www.hertfordandwaredeanery.org.uk)  
Seven people are currently signed up. Mark would be happy to include the FX video. Website to be added to correspondence and always on Synod Agenda
- 9. Deanery MAP revision** to achieve  
...<https://hertfordandwaredeanery.org.uk/mission/strategic-working/goal-2-3/> This is about communication, and needs to go to the Diocese in August/September.  
Examples discussed: How can we set up a system so that people know to send changes from APCM's to the Deanery Secretary?  
Concern about info from Chapter being circulated.  
Are parishes being represented regularly?  
Do PCCs receive Deanery reports from their reps?? (eg The Deanery Synod would like to ask you about.....?). RD meetings with Bp/AD.  
Diocesan Synod reports – are they coming through, Janet would be prepared to do this. Or should it all be placed on our website?  
Anything needed in advance of the meeting can be there so that verbal reports are not necessary.  
Do people relate to the Deanery? And do members understand what they can bring to their parish from the Deanery? We agreed to a short item at Synod 11/7 re communication, in Mark's spot.
- 10. Thundridge and High Cross:** no applicants, post being re-advertised.
- 11. Hartford Hundreds.** Cover has been arranged. The Wardens met AD/RD, they have LLW and Readers in addition to clergy assistance. **Little Amwell** is currently pending as of 10 June.
- 12. Diocesan Synod** Notice, Information and **Voting** Papers sent out 31 May, closing date Monday 2 July, 12 noon. More representatives are needed.

- 13. Agenda for Synod meeting 11 July 2018.** Margaret Pritchard Houston speaking, brought forward to the beginning of the Agenda. Agreed to add extra information to the Agenda email to encourage attendance.
- 14. Future Deanery Synod meetings and potential topics.**  
Oct: Worship in Town and Country.  
January/February: Environmental responsibility. Agreed.  
Then, which of the recent three do we take forward for May and July? Mark to flag this at the 11/7 meeting, targeted at what we agree to look at together.
- 15. GDPR.** We have email addresses, sent Bcc, some addresses and phone numbers. Also Diana and Mark have some information. It should not be necessary to obtain further consent as we do not circulate details to others.
- 16. Deanery Secretary honorarium.** Agreed to be paid as a Deanery expense, £10 per hour plus travel.
- 17. Church inspections** for the Visitation. The Wardens' meeting/Garden Party was not possible last Sunday, but Diana, Mark and Jo are carrying out the Inspections with simplified Articles of Enquiry.
- 18. Any other business** – Mark mentioned the possibility of a speaker who can come to Chapter to speak about Vocations; the meeting felt this would probably be better at Synod.
- 19. Next SPC and Synod meetings – date, location.**  
Next Synod Wednesday 11 July 7.30 for 7.45pm at St Mary's, Ware.  
SPC Monday 3 September 2.00pm at All Saints, Hertford  
Synod Monday 22 October 7.30 for 7.45pm Christ Church, Ware.