

Hertford and Ware Deanery Synod Standing and Pastoral Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 26th November 2018 at All Saints
Hertford, 2.00pm

1. **Welcome and Prayer**
2. **Apologies for Absence.** Lyn Paddon.
3. **Minutes** of 3 September 2018, accepted
4. **Matters arising.** Nil
5. **Fresh Expressions** update and review of previous Synod meeting (22 October) inc. presentation by Andrew Holford. We were issued with a challenge to review this in 6 months..... There has been a meeting about ongoing finance for FX beyond the first three years. Will they become sustainable? Might there be a percentage increase in Parish Share? Nothing has been decided yet. Originally it was not to be charged to parishes. There are three FX advisers, one per Archdeaconry. This will be discussed at the Ministry and Mission Committee tonight (Janet), also at the January Bishop's Council.

Worship Presentation; Mike mentioned that attendance from parishes was patchy, perhaps those who most needed it were absent. We hope to re-visit this mid-2019. Send some pointers round re. possible review at the July meeting (*decision needed re which FX to pursue – go back to ask parishes*). Pat said that Worship Committees can be valuable in supporting and working with priests.

6. **Parish Share** – at the end of October there were no additions from High Cross, £102 only from Thundridge. Ponsbourne normally catch up (£6.5k) at the end of the year. Bengo currently in the red, Aston has corrected its position. Stansted Abbots are behind (awaiting Gift Aid). St Mary's Ware is also late – no payment Aug/Sept. Together we are £40k behind. RD to contact HC/T before their new priest is inducted.
7. **Deanery Website** www.hertfordandwaredeanery.org.uk Little new information has been coming through recently, more info requested. Events across the parish boundaries are wanted, especially where we can work more closely together.
8. **Deanery MAP** - no additional information at present
9. **Thundridge and High Cross:** Licensing 4 December Amanda Duncan.

10. **Hartford Hundreds.** No appointment made (no replies); expecting to advertise in Church Times in January. There are ongoing concerns about the Vicarage. Diocese will renovate, repairs could be done from the sale of land. It has been thoroughly surveyed and the Diocese considers it fit for purpose, the parish has not seen the report.
11. **Little Amwell** is now vacant, meeting with the Archdeacon later today (26/11)
12. **Agenda for Synod meeting Mon 4 February 2019.** Topic – “Environmental Responsibility”. Decision needed on how this is presented. Approach Martin at CCW? Andy Lester was our original contact from Diocesan Synod.
13. **Future Deanery Synod meetings and potential topics.** The suggestion of Ministry to the Elderly as a topic remains for 2019. Re-visit this next time. Janet Bird knows someone knowledgeable about Alzheimers; including people within the regular worship. St Andrews, Bengo and All Saints have services/dementia café (Hertswise). Tim Bull may also be able to assist.
14. **Church inspections** – update. Completed, with a meeting with the Archdeacon forthcoming on 3 December.
15. **SPC Committee members** – can we replace Nick Sharp? Jenny Gray was suggested; Helen McCash was also to be approached. No progress as of today.
16. **Diocesan Synod Representation.** Dot Marlow and Colin Bird elected to Board of Education and Board of Finance respectively. Janet is on Ministry and Mission and Bishops Council, Jo on Bishops Council. New reps still needed, new approach to be made
17. **Any other business** Christ Church Ware is going ahead with re-development, meeting in School and Church Centre from January. Funding is substantially available, completion for Christmas 2019.
18. **Next SPC and Synod meetings – date, location.** (Next Synod 4 February, venue needed – St Andrews?). SPC meeting on 25 February at All Saints, 2.00pm
19. **Prayer.**