

Hertford and Ware Deanery Synod Standing and Pastoral Committee

Minutes for the meeting of Monday 1st April 2019 at All Saints Vicarage, Hertford, 2.00pm

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Apologies for Absence. Mike West
3. Minutes of 25 February 2019 – agreed.
4. Matters arising. Janet is chasing Andy Lester in order to pay him.
5. Fresh Expressions. Who's Doing What? This has not been put to the clergy: the last meeting was not convenient for this – Jo offered to contact them asap to ask about FX.
6. Parish Share – Cheshunt Deanery are holding a meeting about Theft and Insurance this coming Thursday evening – Mark to inform clergy later today.

Re Parish Share, the Diocese is very short-staffed so no figures available (the latest figures were placed on the Diocesan website at the same time as our meeting). The situation at Stanstead Abbots: there had been agreement to change their Parish Share but unexpected complexities came in and it has just been altered at the Diocese, £2-300 per parish more to facilitate. Figures have been circulated. The SPC agreed that the RD will write to Treasurers to advise, also offering a meeting date. Mark reminded the committee that the SA proportion is higher than other villages at 1.25, not 1.1. Simply changing could put us out of kilter with the rest of the Diocese.

Jo added that money which comes in this year is allocated for this year rather than last year unless stated otherwise.

7. **Deanery Website** www.hertfordandwaredeanery.org.uk Mark looks forward to offerings from parishes to be posted.
8. **Deanery MAP** The One Thing We Would Want To Do – it was realised at Chapter that even churches in the same benefice and group have different ideas about this. Jo asked Mark if we could do a Doodle Poll of the parishes to put the ideas in order. What does it take to be a Missional Church? And how do we encourage the clergy to engage with this, as they need to lead it. Janet said that you need to step out and make changes sometimes. Colin said that at the suggestion of change some people will say that they will stop attending. Lyn felt that to be missional, we need to ask what will work to bring people in. Mark agreed, adding that if people vote with their feet sometimes, we should not be surprised and we may need to move forward. We do need to Reach New People, across the traditions. Jo summarised; we

are asking how we encourage all people to be involved in missional outreach in their particular worshipping community. Colin: The three Diocesan points are only part of the whole – all are important.

9. **Hertford and Ware Street Pastors.** Appealing for more helpers.
Dave Elder's article to be sent round the parishes by Doug.
10. **Hartford Hundred West.** Interview Day 28 February: The post has been offered and accepted by the Revd Theresa Musiwacha. Installation likely to be early September.
11. **Little Amwell.** Interview day 27 March. No-one was appointed. The parish is now under the patronage of CPAS. The post will be re-advertised in Church Times
12. Agenda and arrangements for Synod meeting Tues 14 May 2019. At Stanstead Abbots. Lyn confirmed that someone can open the church, Anne cannot be there. Ministry amongst Older People – Alan Stewart will speak re Dementia Service, Jo Loveridge – Worshipping with Older People, including practical info from Anne-Marie Parker, who has also recommended Ammonites and Leaping Fish by Penelope Lively. Also follow-up on Canon Andrew Holford's November address on Worship – information from our Mystery Worshipper – move to High Leigh. And the Revd Prof. Paul Watson from ARocha on the Silver Medal for Environmental Sustainability.
13. Future Deanery Synod meetings and potential topics.
A remaining suggestion of a talk on Christian Stewardship and Fundraising for Big Projects.
High Leigh – Chapel and Barn with finger buffet, £17.70 per person. Disabled Access is good. 10 July, 6.30pm two course meal, include a small glass of wine. *Diana checking re corkage etc* Show a Mr Bean film about him going to church: if this was you? ***We need ideas of numbers, even before the May meeting.***
Oct: Missional matters?
14. **SPC Committee members** – the search continues.
15. **Diocesan Synod Representation** - likewise
16. Lambeth Conference 2020. Entertaining a Bishop! Janet is our Champion. This will come quickly – we need to know how to use a Bishop! Janet said we are currently awaiting more info, there have been meetings already.
17. Meeting dates for a. Churchwardens b. Treasurers Jo, Mark and Diana to arrange (Some Treasurers may change, and some wardens are certainly stepping down)
18. Any other business. The Revd Caroline Keighley is moving to Colney Heath in September.

19. Next Synod 14 May, Stanstead Abbots. SPC meeting 24 June.
20. Prayer.