

Hertford and Ware Deanery

Minutes of the STANDING COMMITTEE Meeting held on Monday 24th January 2022 at 1.15pm via Zoom

Present: Mrs Janet Bird (JB), Revd Mark Dunstan (MD)(Chair), Mr Mike West (MW), Revd Dr Sarah Forrest (SF), Mrs Lyn Paddon (LP), Mrs Diane Perkins (DP), Revd Ysmena Pentelow (YP), Mrs Marion Little (ML) secretary.

1. MD opened the meeting in prayer.
2. No apologies as everyone was in attendance.
3. No declarations of interest were made.
4. Minutes of the Standing and Pastoral Committee meeting on 21/06/21 were agreed.
5. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Standing Committee on 13/01/2021 were agreed.
6. **Matters Arising:**
The website blog posts still need arranging. **Action MD:** to follow up.
7. **Review of the Synod Meeting of 23/09/21**
It was felt the meeting had been positive. It was good to have been able to worship together. There was nothing else to review that was not covered by this agenda.
8. **To consider the Parish Share report for yearend 2021:**
Two Parishes were significantly behind in paying their parish share:
 - i. Ponsbourne – YP reported back from the Archdeacon’s inspection that this had been discussed and it appears to be an issue with payments expected from Herts CC for use of school premises. **Action YP:** to follow this up with David Morton from the Diocesan Board of Education.
 - ii. High Cross – MD had discussed this with Revd Amanda Duncan who was chasing this up. However, it was noted they had made a significant payment in December.

LP highlighted that the outstanding figure for Gt Amwell St John the Baptist and St Mary St Margarets was incorrect and should read £3,577. This had already been highlighted to Tony Boon. **Action JB:** to follow up.

Following an email on 13/01 – the Archdeacons Briefing and Review was due to be held at 7.30pm on 08/02 via zoom. The committee were encouraged to attend. **Action: All.**
9. **Deanery & Parish news and updates:**
St Mary’s Ware would have a new curate in the summer and the current ordinand would be leaving.

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*Our vision is to see flourishing, Christ-centred communities
inspiring people of all ages and backgrounds to discover God,
grow in their relationship with Him
and respond to His transforming love through serving others.*

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10. Draft Agenda for the Synod Meeting on 21st March:

- a. Venue: DP agreed to ask if Christ Church were available. **Action: DP**
- b. Introduction and Briefing from the New Diocesan Secretary - YP confirmed that it is in his diary.
- c. Report back from the General Synod – agreed we should try to alternate between Clergy & Laity reps. **Action: MD** to invite either Tim Fleming or Revd Tim Bull.
- d. Introduction of the overall vision and plan for the Deanery and the replacement of the Pastoral Committee by working groups to cover:
 - i. Parish Share
 - ii. Social Action
 - iii. New Development
 - iv. Fresh Expression
 - v. Deanery Mission Action Plan

MD would present an overview of the Deanery Action Plan and the work of the various groups and terms of reference for each group. **Action: MD**

The Deanery Synod would be asked to report back to parishes and give feedback, reflection and possible members of the groups. Also to highlight and issues or topics not covered in this proposal.

Synod would be asked to support this proposal. **Action: MD** – for agenda

Each member of the Standing Committee was asked to commit to one of the groups to ensure oversight and responsibility. Reminder for this would be at the bottom of the minutes. **Action: All.**

- e. Finance report

11. Other Business:

YP gave advanced notice of an academic project being undertaken on racism which would be using the Deanery for context.

12. The July Synod:

It was agreed MD would ask Lorraine Newman, the Waterways Chaplain, and YP to ask the Homeless Officer to attend and give some insights for the Social Action working group.

Action: MD and YP

13. The dates for Synod Meetings are:

- a. Monday 21st March
- b. Thursday 7th July
- c. Tuesday 30th November
- d. Monday 20th March 2023
- e. Tuesday 14th November 2023

14. The dates for the Standing Committee are:

- a. Tuesday 10th May
- b. Thursday 22nd September
- c. Monday 23 January 2023
- d. Tuesday 9th May 2023
- e. Thursday 21st September 2023

15. The meeting closed with prayer.