

Midsomer Norton Deanery Synod

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at St Nicholas Café, Radstock.

Members present., Catherine Aherne, Heather Allen, Lucy Barnes, Revd Tom Benyon, Revd Martin Blewett, Rosanna Blewett, Revd Clarissa Cridland, Gay Curtis, Barrymore Dando, Beth Davies, Bill Drake-Brockman, Revd Guy Edwards, Ann Gardiner-Bryan, Margaret Holcombe, Revd Caroline Husband, Penny Hutton, Revd David Izzard, Ann Meloy, Julia Neesams, Revd Chris North, Esther Parker, Revd Gordon Ripley, Heather Robinson, Revd Ian Rousell, Gwen Sales, Robin Singh, Jane Street, Revd Mathew Street, Jo Vening, Bernard Welch, Julia Wyld. (31)

Apologies., Mary Barnes, Joy Brown, Revd Chris Chiplin, Mary Dolman, Colin Tincknell, , Maureen West, Nigel Wood. (7)

1. The evening began with a welcome and worship from Revd David Izzard including Creation Calls by Brian Doerkson.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved

3. Progress on the Deanery Plan

Revd Chris North gave an update following the September meeting of the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group (DMPG).

The group brought together the views expressed at the July Synod meeting, the guidelines from the Diocese and the priorities identified in the "Deanery Plan" sheet attached to the minutes of the July Synod.

A draft six page handout had been prepared and copies were circulated around the meeting.

Following Chris's explanation together with a list of more detailed thoughts and questions produced by Revd Ian Rousell as Deanery Mission Enabler synod separated into small groups to discuss the draft. There then followed a period of open comment and suggestions to be considered in order to progress the plan to a stage where it could be presented to the parishes. A revised copy incorporating these points will be circulated.

4. Food Bank Update

The Food Bank are still looking for a new Chair and other volunteers would be welcome to work in the various parts of the operation. Demand for vouchers remains strong but there is a good supply of food and provisions.

5. Rural Dean notices

Chris welcomed the newly elected Synod members and thanked those who were continuing for another three years.

Thanks and good wishes were given to Revd Gordon Ripley who will be retiring at the end of October.. Chris confirmed that his own last service at Chilcompton would be on 19th November as he prepares to move to Bristol Diocese as Director of Ordinands. Thanks were given to Chris from the floor.

The Bishops were to consider an appointment to Rural Dean as soon as reasonably possible.

Bishop Peter announced that Revd Dr Adrian Youings, currently Rector of Trull and Angersleigh near Taunton has been appointed Archdeacon of Bath with a Licensing Service at Wells Cathedral on 5th November at 3pm.

An indication of the proposed 4.5% increase in the Common fund for 2018 and its possible funding streams was advised together with an invitation to attend the 21st October Diocesan Synod meeting at St Paul's Weston Super Mare when this budget for mission would be presented. Following the budget decision advice of each church's Parish Share calculation would include a toolkit of resources.

A letter from Mary Dolman was read to Synod advising that she was resigning as Deanery Lay Chair with effect from 31st December to concentrate on her new post as Warden of Readers. Copy attached.

The date of the next meeting will be advised. However Bishop Ruth has been booked for 20th March.