

WINCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD

The third meeting of the fifteenth Winchester Deanery Synod will be held on Thursday 1st March 2012 starting at 7:30pm in St. Lawrence in the Square, Winchester city centre. (A map may be found at: <http://www.stlawence.hampshire.org.uk>). Parking is available in the city centre car parks.

We are pleased that Mark Hibbert-Hingston, the Coordinator of the Winchester Street Pastors has agreed to talk to Synod about the work of the Street Pastors. The Street Pastors have been operating in Winchester for less than a year, and are already widely recognised for all they do as they care for, listen to and help those in Winchester on Friday and Saturday evenings. It seems particularly appropriate that Mark joins us when we meet in the city centre.

In the other main item of the meeting we will continue to develop the Deanery Pastoral Plan. Stephen Adam has produced a helpful discussion paper on behalf of the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee. This paper reflects on the meeting with the parish pastoral representatives in September and asks "*What values should we as a Deanery seek to hold in common?*" and "*what might be the core values and understandings that we would wish to hold in common as a Deanery. What is the "big picture" within which the details of the Pastoral Plan can be developed?*" These are important questions to consider as we move forward with our Pastoral Plan. Please reflect on the attached Discussion Paper and seek the views of others within your parish on the various questions raised, so that a full discussion can be entered into at the meeting. Thank you.

Refreshments will be served from 7:00pm.

On arrival, please sign the attendance sheet and take a name label.

If you have any notices to be given out, please inform the Secretary prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. 7:30 Welcome, Worship and Parish Profile
2. 7:50 Street Pastors - Mark Hibbert-Hingston
3. 8:20 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising
4. 8:25 Deanery Pastoral Plan – discussion on the questions posed in the circulated discussion paper.
5. 8:45 General Synod Report
6. 8:55 Finance Report
7. 9:05 Opportunities for mission arising from the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Olympics
8. 9:20 Arrangements for June Synod
9. 9:25 Closing prayer and blessing

Future meetings:

12th June Synod at Stoke Charity - The theme for this meeting is Discipleship. Revd. Philip Cochrane will report on his role as Deanery Adult Discipleship Advisor. Revd. Julia Mourant the Diocesan Vocations, Recruitment and Selection Officer and Joint Director of Ordinands has agreed to talk about Vocations and Callings.

The evening will start with the opportunity to join together for a “bring and share” supper from 6:30pm. We hope all Synod members will be able to join us for this. A notice giving more details will be available.

17th October Synod at St Mary, Twyford (please note the date has changed).

18th April Mission and Pastoral meeting with Parish Representatives at Prior's Hall

Deanery News:

The Collation, Induction and Installation of **Revd. Philip Cochrane** as Vicar of St Barnabas, Winchester and Adult Discipleship Advisor for the Deanery of Winchester took place on January 16th.

Revd. Alan Gordon will be on study leave from April through to the end of June. Revd Paul Kennedy, our Assistant Area Dean, should be contacted about any Area Dean business during this time.

New Website – the **Deanery Website** has been refreshed. The new address is www.winchesterdeanery.org.uk. The site is not complete, so look out for further changes. The page for this Synod Meeting is present and holds the papers for this meeting. Do visit it regularly to pick up new papers and amendments.

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