

Autumn Synod – Wednesday 18 November

St Paul's Church, St Paul's Hill, Winchester SO22 5AB

Papers issued:

- *Treasurer's Report and proposed 2016 Deanery Budget & Forecast*
- *Proposed amendments to Constitution of the Deanery Finance Committee*
- *Finance Committee Report [issued with minutes]*

Welcome and worship was led by our host Reverend Canon Peter Seal of St Paul's Church.

News The Area Dean Paul Kennedy welcomed Ed Dines (St Barnabas) , Paul Bradish (Kings Worthy) and David Rowe (Christ Church) to the Winchester Deanery – and bid farewell and thanks at her last Synod to Rev Sue Foster of the Upper Dever

1 Minutes of June Synod were approved by Synod.

2 Admin, Elections and Amendments

2.1 Co-option of Hugh Podger to Deanery Synod House of Laity

- Jonathan Bright proposed; Geoffrey Bennetts seconded. *Result: unanimous vote*

Hugh was thanked by Paul on behalf of the Deanery Synod for his dedicated service to the Deanery as Finance Chair and as a member of Diocesan Synod and Bishops' Council. A presentation was made and Hugh responded with thanks and said he is delighted to continue as a member of the Finance Committee.

2.2 Treasurers Report Q&A – Nick Goulding [paper issued]

- Voting on 2016 Deanery Budget with a proposed subscription of £90 per member which should generate income of almost £5,700 assuming each parish pays in full. Proposed by Nick Goulding; Seconded by Tom Nell. *Result: Accepted by Synod.*
- Voting on 2016 Subscription: Tom Nell proposed; Ruth Guy. *Result: Accepted by Synod.*

2.3 Election of John Spens to Finance Chair

- Proposed by Malcolm Lemmon; seconded by Campbell Dye. *Result: Unanimous vote.*

2.4 Voting on a proposed formal Constitution of the Deanery Finance Committee [paper issued]

- Malcolm the Secretary explained that this was the first time it was set out formally so that all members knew where they were at. Peter Seal commented on whether 3C would become an increasingly difficult task.
- Voting on the proposal: Proposer: Peter Towler; Ruth Guy. *Result: Accepted by Synod.*

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3 **Diocesan Synod** Update and welcome to new members – AAD Karen K

See separate report: Diocesan Synod Report from Deanery Members – November 2015

Since the Deanery Synod meeting it has been officially confirmed that the General Synod aligned to our Deanery is Alison Coulter – who of course is already a member of our Deanery Synod.

4 **Parish Mission Action Planning** update

Wendy thanked all the Mission Action Planning Teams across the Benefices and Parishes for adhering to the timetable set by the DMPC and for gracefully accepting the comments and, subsequently, returning the final versions for presentation at the Cathedral. The pMAPS are living documents and will change and evolve. The current versions have been sent to Rev Phil Dykes and the Diocesan Team who will use them as a marker in the ground to assess what has been done and is planned in our Deanery alongside the other Deaneries in the Diocese. This will also able them to create a summary of what is needed across the Diocese to resource these plans.

5 **Guest Speaker: Canon Principal of the School of Mission: Mark Collinson**

We were delighted to welcome Mark to our Deanery Synod. Mark opened by saying that with 25,000 people involved in mission across the Diocese, Deanery Synods are vital as a way of bringing people together. He went on to explain that the teaching ministry of the Bishop is represented by his Chair in the Cathedral - and Mark's role is to connect the Bishop's teaching ministry across the Diocese with the Cathedral. Here are some key points from his presentation:

- The School of Mission's role is to enable engagement with Strategic Priority 1 - growing authentic disciples – and to help churches grow disciples of all ages
- Their ministry is to encourage discipleship across all the people of God. God gives everyone gifts and we must encourage people to use those gifts to serve people we come into contact with every day - at work, home, leisure - or to use them in ministry in the Church
- As we all begin to grow, we begin to discern how God is calling us, and that everybody is called in a unique and particular way - e.g. in a job - i.e. street cleaner, accountant etc. And by using those gifts in our jobs we become fulfilled. God continues to call us throughout the whole of life and we need to find time to listen and wrestle with him in prayer - as we may often need to push on other doors and take a different tack
- God is calling us in all types of ministries - most of which are not ordained. The School of Mission is keen to help people discern their vocations - both ordained and lay. Licensing ensures that people involved in ministry are doctrinally sound, trained, recognised publically and have an element of ecclesiastical discipline
- Why is licensing in the C of E so important? It affirms the people that come forward – it's about affirmation and accountability
- Everyone involved in church life is serving in many ways and most of those don't need a licence. However, there are some ministries that will be licensed – LLM's being one of the main ones. It's a high level of training and high level of commitment recognised nationally

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- Two new types of licensed lay ministry are being developed:
 - Licensed Lay Worker (LLW) - which is also nationally deployable - this involves less formal training and more that is bespoke for you, based on what training you have done before - and where God has blessed the ministry you are involved in. The LLW will be accountable to the Archdeacon for Mission, Paul Moore. The role of LLW also shows that the Church recognises the role of that person and the work they may have independently done - i.e. setting up a fresh expression of church
 - Bishop's Commission. These people would have a *missional* focus on their role - i.e. supporting families who have been baptised who might have only been to church just for the baptism. It could be helping people come to faith and ensure people are empowered to minister across God's people.

The meeting closed in prayer.

KEY 2016 DIARY DATES

14 Jan	iWitness Lent Course Launch Event at All Saints Highcliffe, Winchester 7-10pm
16 Jan	Vocation Day at Bursledon 9.30am-Noon
23 Jan	Vocation Day at Christ Church Winchester 9.30am-Noon
26 Jan	Encouraging Generosity Day at Bursledon 10-4pm
8 Feb	Bishop Tim's Deanery Visit, St Margaret's South Wonston 7pm for 7.30pm
5th Mar	Open Episcopal Synod at the Cathedral, celebration and opportunity to see what is going on around the Diocese in terms of mission – more details to follow
14 April	Deanery Synod 7pm for 7.30pm – St Barnabas hosted by Rev Ed Dines
21 May	Archdeacon's Visitation Service with the new Archdeacon Richard Brand St Barnabas, Weeke 9.30am for 10am
29 June	Deanery Synod 6.30pm Bring & Share Supper & Fellowship – venue tbc
17 Nov	Deanery Synod 7pm for 7.30pm – St Mary's Kings Worthy hosted by Rev Paul Bradish