

Winchester Deanery Synod - July 2017

Briefing Note for PCCs

Key Notes for briefing PCC's

- The Deanery Synod meeting on 6 July in Stoke Charity began with the commissioning by Bishop David Williams of our new Area Dean, Reverend Karen Kousseff, and new Assistant Area Dean, Reverend Philip Krinks. They were warmly welcomed to their new roles by the Bishop and everyone present.
- Ruth Guy, the Winchester Lay Chair and Church Warden at Stoke Charity expressed how important the role is of the members in keeping their PCCs up to date with the activities of the Synod and how it relates at a Parish level.
- Karen Kousseff explained Synod's first task - to revise the Deanery Mission Action Plan (dMAP) - the three year plan approved by Synod in 2014. It grew out of the four strategic priorities identified and agreed by the Diocesan Synod, and they have not changed. They describe the overall direction in which we and all the deaneries in the Diocese aim to travel, so that together we are as effective as we can be at being church at this time and in each of our places.
- Our Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee (DMPC) have been reviewing the dMAP with the main aim of seeing what can best be done at Deanery level to enable our 26 parishes to flourish and be most effective in their local mission. This means identifying the major priorities that will signpost our journey on from here.
- Philip Krinks engaged everyone in an exercise to reflect on and identify their top three priorities from a choice of 8 - ranking them, gold, silver and bronze. The table of the 8 priorities is attached to this covering note. If you weren't able to be at Synod and would like to vote - please email your top three, with why you chose your top choice to Wendy Jones via WinchesterDeanerySec@gmail.com.
- What happens next is that the DMPC will use all this information to shape a revised dMAP. They will bring the draft to the clergy Chapter meeting on 5th September for discussion, incorporate any comments and present it to Synod meeting on **28th September**. We invite your churchwardens to that meeting too. Using all the feedback from that meeting the DMPC will write a final version and present it at the **February 2018** Synod meeting for Synod approval.

Deanery Synod reps please feed back any comments from your PCCs to the Deanery Team via Wendy at winchesterdeanerysec@gmail.com.



St Mary's, Stoke Charity

*Karen receiving her commission
as Area Dean from Bishop David*



*Philip receiving his commission as
Assistant Area Dean from Bishop David*