

Winchester Deanery Synod - 28th September 2017

Briefing Note for PCCs

- The Deanery Synod met at St Margaret's Church, South Wonston, where the Area Dean the Revd Karen Kousseff extended a warm welcome to all, particularly the Churchwardens who were able to attend. This Synod was a key stage in the development of the Deanery Mission Action Plan (dMAP).
- The Lay Chair, Ruth Guy, led the opening worship on the theme for the evening of thankfulness and fruitfulness, reflecting all the good work that is happening across the Deanery.
- The Assistant Area Dean (Revd Philip Krinks) recapped what had happened so far to develop the new draft dMAP:
 - A survey amongst the clergy to capture success stories across our churches upon which to build.
 - Analysis of what the contents of the new Archdeaconry Map will mean for the Deanery.
 - A review of the data on demographics presented to us at the April Synod by the Diocese.
 - Analysis of the work done by the July Synod, enabling us to identify the main areas of focus for the Deanery for the next three years.
- The Revd Ed Dines then presented the draft dMAP, describing the main objectives and asking Synod members to visit four tables placed around the room, to discuss the proposals in more detail and write on the flipcharts any comments and thoughts about how they might work/be developed etc:
 - Deanery Exploration Evenings (Alpha, Pilgrim, Messy Church, ministry with the elderly);
 - Deanery Support Network including a resource centre and an improved communications hub;
 - Deanery Schools Team;
 - Deanery Prayer Team.

Those presented indicated their support for the direction of the dMAP.

- Announcements:
 - Revd Philip Krinks was officially welcomed as the Priest in Charge of St Faith at St Cross.
 - Thanks were expressed to four clergy who have retired: Father Malcolm Jones, Revd Margaret Scrivener, Revd Jonah Watts and Revd Angie Watts.
 - Shortlisting was due on 30th October for the 3 year Interim Minister post at East Winchester.
- The Deanery Finance Chair Andrew Holder explained that, as planned, the Deanery has reduced its reserves and now needs to raise Deanery Subs from £90 to £95 per member from next year. Andrew proposed, Nick Goulding seconded. The motion was carried.
- The Lay Chair closed the meeting with prayer.

Update

Since this Synod, the flipcharts have been reviewed by the DMPC Steering Committee, and the draft dMAP has been refined and discussed with the Bishops, Archdeacons and Phil Dykes. The DMPC are meeting on 21 November to assimilate the feedback from that meeting and make any necessary changes to the draft. The final dMAP will be presented at the **February 2018** Deanery Chapter and Synod meetings for formal approval.

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