

## ST ALBANS DEANERY SYNOD

### *St Albans city parishes*

Aldenham – St John the Baptist  
Bricket Wood – St Luke  
Colney Heath – St Mark  
Frogmore – Holy Trinity  
London Colney – St Peter  
Radlett – Christ Church and St John  
Shenley – St Martin

Abbey  
Christ Church  
St Luke  
St Mary, Marshalswick  
St Michael with St Mary

St Paul  
St Peter  
St Saviour  
St Stephen with St Julian

### ST ALBANS DEANERY STANDING & PASTORAL COMMITTEE (anonymised version for website)

#### MEETING

held at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
at St Luke's, Cell Barnes Lane, St Albans, Hertfordshire. AL1 5QJ

#### PRESENT

### ST ALBANS DEANERY STANDING COMMITTEE

#### 1 OPENING PRAYERS

The meeting began at 8.00pm with an Opening Prayer led by RD. Members were encouraged to think creatively so that Standing Committee and Synod can concentrate on what is important and park what is not.

#### 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from 4 members: -

#### 3 NEW MEMBERS OF THE DSSC

#### 4 MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Correction to Finance – 1 parish has paid 50% subscription and 1 parish has paid nothing so far with the proviso that it will pay its subscriptions when Deanery starts to spend.

**Action: amend Minutes for Rural Dean to sign**

**Who: Deanery Secretary**

#### **Actions Arising from DSSC 6<sup>th</sup> June**

- **RD to chase Diocesan Board of Finance for response to letter**

*RD – has written to the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) that the Diocese needs to plan financially more than 1 year in advance. Equally, parishes should flag up sooner when they are in difficulty e.g. agreeing a deficit budget. The DBF should use the information it receives to alert themselves to potential problems in the Diocese.*

#### **Actions Arising from Deanery Synod 20<sup>th</sup> June**

- **BL and JP to meet to take Biodiversity Project forward**
- **JP to write to all Incumbents to see if there are already Biodiversity Officers/champions in the parishes**

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### 5 DEANERY MAP PROGRESS

Review of the current Goals – do we continue with them all or concentrate on a few?

#### Goal 1 – Parish Ministry Support

MD – the team is working with the Communications Team as there is common ground. They have agreed that there is no point in holding an event for Church Wardens, Treasurers etc just for the sake of it. RD suggested that there be a survey at next Deanery Synod to ask people what they would find useful.

#### Goal 2 – Funerals Ministry

BL reported that she and KP are steadily progressing, moving to work more closely with funeral directors. A meeting has been set up with the Co-op on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Goal 3 – Nurturing Vocations

BL reported that the ideas the team had come up with had been superseded by initiatives of the Diocese and/or Archdeaconry. They are still considering a “Curry Night” but need to offer something that does not overlap with these existing options.

#### Goal 4 – Mission Matters

Worth keeping this goal but it was felt that the right team is not in place to take it forward at present.

#### Goal 5 – Primary Schools

Currently there is no-one to project manage this. Also, Jane Chipperton, the contact at Holywell Lodge has retired. It is hoped that her replacement will be able to help.

RD has pooled resources through Lay Readers who are able to use 50-60 videos of Bible stories for school assemblies. Challenge is how to best share this across the Deanery.

#### Goal 6 – Project X-Site for Kids

Email has gone out to all POCs but there has been a delay with the publicity material – posters, leaflets. Promotional video has gone out to all. RD is still waiting to hear from 8 churches.

**Action – Chase 2:67 Project for publicity material  
Who - RD**

#### Goal 7 – Communications Team

MF – unable to attend so no update.

#### Goal 8 – Deanery Directory.

All parishes have been contacted asking for up to date information.

#### Goal 9 – Deanery Prayer

Deanery Prayer Diary is updated and issued bi-monthly

### 6 FINANCE REPORT

- AS reported that 1 parish has paid 50% of its subscription and committed to paying the rest when Deanery starts spending. One parish has paid nothing so far.

DC queried why we do not pay someone to design the Deanery website and use the subscription money.

AS confirmed that we did employ a web designer to develop the Deanery website [www.stalbansdeanerysynod.online](http://www.stalbansdeanerysynod.online) and the web address has been included in Minutes of Meetings so that members can access it. It currently has a map of the Deanery, links to all Parish websites, contacts for each Parish and recommended tradespeople. Minutes of previous meetings will go onto it, AS needs to redact any personal details from them before posting. MD has provided all Hall Hire details, AS needs to upload that information.

**Action – URL onto Agenda/covering email for next Synod asking members to review ready for feedback  
Who – Deanery Secretary**

JP – the existing website is designed for Deanery business, data. MF wants a website for communication, news, bulletins. Could the existing website be split so that only current Deanery Members have password access to the Deanery business area, anyone can access the communications section? AS – yes.

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CRD – who is going to manage the communications? The Communications Team or perhaps there is someone within the Deanery who would be keen to work on it?

**Action – DSSC request a report from the Communications Team  
Who – Deanery Secretary**

- Parish Share Review update – nothing has been done to date. We will miss the November deadline. AS will continue to manage this project, i.e. he will not hand it over to PF. RD and AS to meet to discuss so AS can produce a paper.

### 7 ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL (SADC) LOCAL PLAN CURRENT CONSULTATION TO 17/10

- In the draft Local Plan it is proposed that 14,000 new homes will be built between 2020 – 2036, an average of 913 houses per annum. At present the population is 65-70,000 in the City and 135-136,000 across the District. The proposal represents a 25% increase.
- The draft Local Plan references improvements to infrastructure – roads, health, schools, leisure, buses. What impact will it have on our parishes? With the number of new homes increasing, will we need additional churches? What other community facilities are needed?
- Provision is made for 40% Affordable Housing, this is not the same as Social Housing. However, construction companies can circumvent the percentage of Affordable Housing they build by paying a fee to the Council.

**Action: Respond to the draft Local Plan on behalf of Deanery Synod  
Who: Deanery Secretary**

**Action: Send the Local Plan Consultation URL to PCC Secretaries, Administrators and Incumbents  
so that they may respond on behalf of their Parish.  
Who: Deanery Secretary**

### 8 DEANERY REPRESENTATION ON ST ALBANS “Health & Wellbeing Partnership Public Health Working Group”

- CRD reported that the Working Group wants as many groups who are interested in health involved as possible. The Seventh Day Adventists already have a representative, he proposes that St Albans Deanery Synod appoints someone too. CRD gave out brochures to members for reference. Briefly, the Working Group are looking at
  - Dementia awareness
  - Young people
  - Prevention of suicide
  - Reducing isolation, loneliness

DSSC agreed that this should go onto the Agenda for Deanery Synod in October. CRD to provide a half page summary to go out with the Agenda.

### 9 PASTORAL MATTERS

#### Clergy Leavers

- St Mark’s, Colney Heath - Gaz Tracey has now left. The Youth Worker, Paul Harris also left. The Vacancy has been advertised. Closing Date is 2<sup>nd</sup> October with interviews due to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- St Peter’s, London Colney – Revd Pat Jones has been appointed. She is moving from a parish in Thatcham, Berkshire. Her installation may possibly be in January 2019.
- St Martin’s, Shenley – Ann Poultney has left. Her husband is a vicar and has taken up a new post in Coventry so Ann has moved away from the area.
- Christ Church & St John, Radlett – Helen King has now left

#### Clergy Update

- St Martin’s, Shenley – Daniel McCarthy is doing well. He has completed his chemotherapy and will be commencing radiotherapy shortly.
- Christ Church, St Albans – Jeremy Follett is in our prayers

#### New Curates

- St Michael’s with St Mary’s, St Albans – Charles King – Stipendiary
- St Luke’s, St Albans – David Halsey – SSM
- St Stephen’s with St Julian’s, St Albans – Patrick Moriarty - SSM

### 10 AGENDA FOR NEXT DEANERY SYNOD – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, Holy Trinity, Frogmore

- Update on DMAP projects
- Report on X:Site
- Deanery website – ask members for feedback
- New Diocesan Synod representatives

## **ST ALBANS DEANERY SYNOD**

- Public Health Working Group – brief presentation and request for Deanery Representative(s)
- Pastoral Matters update
- SADC Local Plan
- Magazine articles
- Standard Items – Finance, Matters Arising

### **11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business the Rural Dean closed the meeting with all saying The Grace.

### **Dates of Standing Committee 2019 – all to be held at St Luke's, Cell Barnes Lane**

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September