

Minutes of Chapter Meeting held at 12.30 p.m. on 6 October 2015 at St. Nicholas, Chislehurst

Present

Liz Davis, Jan Durrens, Paul Farthing, Richard Finch, David Herbert, Andy Hobbs, Andrew Jablonski, Anne Jablonski, Dave Johnston, Alan Keeler (Area Dean and Clerk), Carol Morrison, Alan Mustoe, Richard Norman, Ruth Peet and Steve Varney

Apologies

Katrina Barnes, Roger Bristow, Iain Broomfield, Richard Handforth, June Hern, Napo John, Angel King and Andrew McClellan. Iain Broomfield is recovering from knee surgery. Napo John has gone to Finland to visit his brother who has terminal cancer.

Communication

Please put a link to the Deanery website on the home page of your church website. There were issues with reading the Area Dean's emails. Alan said do not be shy to draw his attention to problems.

Future Dates

2015 Sunday 15 November - Collation of Alison Newman at St. Mark, Biggin Hill
Tuesday 17 November - Chapter, St. Peter and St. Paul, Bromley, vicarage
Friday 11 December - 7.30 p.m. Christmas Social at St. Mary Bromley, vicarage

2016 Monday 8 February - Chapter, St. Mark, Bromley, vicarage
Tuesday 15 March - Chapter, St. George, Bickley, vicarage
Wednesday 18 May - Chapter, Bishop Justus Chapel
Thursday 14 July - Chapter, St. Andrew, Bromley, church
Monday 12 September - Chapter, Christ Church Chislehurst, church
Tuesday 1 November - Chapter, St. Mary, Hayes to be confirmed
Friday 9 December - 7.30 p.m. Christmas Social at St. Mary, Bromley, vicarage

Bromley Deanery - Do together what we cannot do apart (DTWWCDA worst acronym ever?)

- Alan Keeler began a discussion. It was noted that the churches of the Deanery had many groups of affiliation such as Churches Together and Societies around churchmanship. DTWWCDA not intended to trespass on these valuable links but support each other where fruitful.
- Steve Varney identified 1 Courses for Children's work, 2 Money and Debt, 3 Making Disciples
- Alan Keeler said we were going to follow up Katrina Barnes' Deanery Synod presentation on Taking Funerals Seriously. Please could each church send a representative to an event at Christ Church Orpington Thursday 26 November 9.30 a.m. to 16.30 p.m.
- Richard Norman asked about shared marriage preparation. This has proven difficult as in the past the Deanery learnt couples make firm links with the church and clergy where they will get married. A discussion ensued about resources such as Relate, a course from Holy Trinity Brompton <https://www.htb.org/marriage>, and Prepare Enrich <http://www.prepare-enrich.co.uk/>. The service itself is found to be a good teaching resource.
- Alan Keeler spoke about disability, needs he is aware of because of his daughter, wider needs in the community, interest from Caroline Clark and opportunities with agencies in the community.

Other issues

- There is no news about support for refugees but Jean Kerr has been given some responsibilities.
- The book The Emotionally Healthy Leader by Peter Scazzero was recommended.
- A course based on St. Benedict was recommended <https://winchesterlent.wordpress.com/>
- Liz Davis asked if people from well staffed churches could help at St. Andrew, Bromley.