

Minutes of a Meeting of the Bromley Deanery Chapter
Held at St Peter and St Paul Vicarage Bromley.
On Tuesday 17th November 2015

Deanery website: <http://bromleydeanery.simdif.com/>

Present:

Alan Keeler (Area Dean and St Mary's Bromley)
Carol Morrison (Keston)
Dave Johnson (Christ Church Chislehurst)
Anne Jablonski, Andrew Jablonski (Bromley Parish Church)
Alan Mustoe (St Nicholas, Chislehurst)
Richard Handforth (Bromley College)
Steve Varney (St Mark, Bromley)
Liz Davies (St Andrew, Bromley)
Napoleon John (St Mary, Hayes)
Andy Hobbs (St Augustine Bromley Common)

Apologies for absence were received from:

The Rev Canon Katrina Barnes (St Augustine Bromley Common)
Richard Norman (St. George Bickley)
Ruth Peet (St Mary's Bromley)
Andrew McClellan (St John, Bromley)
Paul Farthing (The Annunciation, Chislehurst)
Anne Townsend (retired, at Bromley Parish Church)
Janet Durrans (St Nicholas Chislehurst)
June Hurn (St Nicholas, Chislehurst)

[George Collett (Holy Trinity Bromley Common)
Roger Bristow (Holy Trinity Bromley Common)
Iain Broomfield (Christchurch Bromley)
David Howarth (Christ Church)]

Deanery Synod dates for 2016: 26th January, 25th May and 6th October

Alison Newman's Collation to St Mark's Biggin Hill all went well.

St Andrew's, Burnt Ash Lane - ministry is in progress, they are hoping to have a priest in place soon. LD reported that things are going well.

Bishop's Conference - positive feedback. There is now an expectation to repeat this every 3 years and the proposed date of the next conference is: 11th to 14th September 2018. +James would like the Chapter to discuss, and decide what they would like to see included in the content of the Conference next time.

Bishop Brian has now retired. Bishop James has said that the annual renewal of the Chalice Assistants would now be done at parish level.
Going forward the Bishop of Tonbridge's primary role will be about Mission.
Responsibility for PTO Clergy is also coming away from +Ton. and will be placed with the Training Department.

It is important that if you have retired clergy operating in your parish that you ensure that they have obtained PTO - it is a safeguarding issue. A renewed letter will be issued by +James by December each year.

SSM's are also to be licensed by +Rochester.

Liz Walker has now retired as DDO. Pamala Ive - Deacon at Tudley is taking over from Liz. Glyn Ackerley is moving on.

AJ - Diocese do training workshops on children's work under the title: 'Children's Spiritual Development'. Could be run by Nick or Cheryl from the Diocese. To be hosted at St Peter and St Paul's Bromley - and open to everyone within the Deanery. It is proposed that the training will be run after Easter 2016 - date to be confirmed.

SV - AMc and SV went to a breakfast with ??? Poverty. They wanted to gauge if other churches were looking to set up a work around debt management. It makes sense for churches in the area to work together on this.

AD - St Andrew's BAL are planning to open a project that may include debt counselling. SV asks if other churches are planning to set up similar projects that they let him know so they can do some joined up thinking and working. This could be shared around the Chapter.

There is a Debt Counselling Service in Bromley - a leaflet was handed out. Tony Catterell - used to be trustee of Welcare is involved.

KB - at last Deanery Synod spoke about - 'Taking Funerals Seriously' - this will take place on 26th November 2015 at Christ Church Orpington.

Confirmations:

St Peter and St Paul Bromley at 10.30am

19th June at Christchurch Chislehurst at 6.30pm

(Both +James)

The Chapter had a discussion on the subject of 'Making Disciples'

AK - wondered if Jean Kerr has such thing as a course for people who don't go on courses!

How do people grow without course - it seems to have been the 'Anglican' way to grow disciples with courses.

AK shared what he did whilst on study leave.

DJ - shared that at CC they are running 'Emotionally Healthy Spirituality'

[Are we asking the right questions?]

The suggestion was made of having 'Disciple Buddies'

Next Meeting will be the Chapter Christmas Social at St Mary's Vicarage on Friday 11th December at 7.30pm. The next Chapter meeting will be 8th February at the vicarage of St. Mark Bromley

Meeting closed in prayer.