

Minutes of Chapter Meeting

held at 12.00 p.m. on 25 January 2017 at the vicarage of St. John Bromley

Present - Liz Davis; Paul Farthing; Lyn Hallam; Richard Handforth; David Herbert; Andrew Jablonski; Anne Jablonski; Napo John; Dave Johnston; Alan Keeler; Angela King; Beth Lewis; Andrew McClellan; Alan Mustoe

Apologies - Katrina Barnes; Tim Boniface; Julie Bowen; Roger Bristow; Richard Finch; Richard Norman; Ruth Peet; Anne Townsend; Steve Varney

Other - Iain Broomfield; George Collett; David Howath; June Hurn; Matt Lloyd

Deanery Synod - At the last Chapter Meeting there was a debate about having a discussion about the interpretation of the Bible at the next Deanery Synod. This had been thought a good idea. With Gordon Oliver's advice Alan had asked Jim Stewart vicar of St. James Tunbridge Wells to lead the session.

Safeguarding Training - This can be done at CCPAS at Swanley. Christ Church Chislehurst has its own course and widely welcomes people. Paul Wright is looking at this being certified. Alan Keeler will contact Paul Wright to see how this is going. Dave is looking at a course to apply the policies.

Funeral Ministry - The four meetings with clergy and Funeral Directors in November attracted 16 clergy and 20 FDs from 13 branches. FDs want families to be helped with orders of service and done in good time. It has been good to get basic facts about CofE willingness in ministry and use of buildings over to the FDs. There are questions about wearing robes in crematorium. It is good to discuss such issues with the next of kin. Alan Keeler to update the brochure and propose next steps.

Further Training Issues - Alan Keeler spoke about the Autumn as a season of invitation, (see Nov 16 minutes for more details). We began a discussion about a preparing for this and training in general. Alan Mustoe spoke about a course on healing and wholeness. Anne Jablonski has on 13 May Mental Health pastoral issues, 30 September Puppet Course and 8 April Listening to God for her pastoral team. St. Peter and St. Paul Bromley and St. Andrew Bromley are using the Diocesan Lent Programme. St. Mark Bromley, Hayes and St. Nicholas Chislehurst are looking at First Aid. The diocesan initiative Our Conversation Our Future has had little take up so far. St. John Bromley is hosting the CTiCB Lent Course on some Psalms. They also have a Lent Lecture, God and Stress 7.30 pm 5 March.

Debt Counselling - Beth Lewis spoke about 5 churches launching this service. Martin Pointing starts on 1 March. £16k pa is required and is nearly sorted. It is about debt restructuring and mentoring but is not a credit union.

Communion By Extension - Dave Johnston asked about parish practices. A shortage of priests can be met from retired clergy not least Bromley College. The chapter were reminded that PTO and safeguarding are important here. Alan Keeler to ask about accepting PTO having been given from another diocese. Andrew McClellan said in arranging the CTiCB pulpit swap Lindsay Lewellyn-MacDuff said if the Anglican clergy could vouch for their colleagues from other denominations she was happy.

Steve Varney wishes to publish a baptism outreach card. There were questions about not wanting to give the impression baptism is a simply make a date arrangement. Angela King spoke about the interfaith group which began as a Three Faiths Forum and may become multi faith. Next meeting 8 pm 7 Feb at Keston Church. The group collected material for the Calais refugees. The other faiths often represent treh liberal minded who are keen but not very religiously observant. The group have had meetings about scriptural reasoning. Liz Davis said the police interests are community cohesion and tackling radicalization. The Evening Standard ran an article about Syrian refugees needing accommodation. Further information at www.homesforsyrians.co.uk/register Alan Keeler thanked Andrew McClellan for his hospitality and the use of his vicarage.

Date of Next Meeting - 12.00 p.m. on Wednesday 16 March at the Vicarage of St. Mary Bromley