

## **Minutes of Chapter Meeting held at 12.00 p.m. on 5 February 2018 at Christ Church, Chislehurst**

**Present** – Katrina Barnes, Tim Boniface, Roger Bristow, Liz Davis, Lyn Hallam, Andrew Jablonski, Napo John, Dave Johnston, Alan Keeler, Angela King, Beth Lewis, Andrew McClellan, Steve Varney

**Apologies** – Julie Bowen, George Collett, Paul Farthing, David Herbert, Anne Jablonski, Alan Mustoe, Richard Norman, Ruth Peet

**Other** – Iain Broomfield, Richard Finch, Richard Handforth, David Howath, June Hurn, Matt Lloyd, Anne Townsend

**Previous minutes** – Roger Bristow was present at the last Chapter Meeting.

**Confirmations** - The process begins with the Bishop's Office making requests in May with a publication at the end of the Autumn. In 2019 there will be three Archdeaconry services. People are welcome to approach the Bishop's Office about Episcopal services as they are in prospect. The greater notice the better.

**Data Storage** – See policy on the diocesan website<sup>1</sup>. Parishes need to know who has what data and for people to sign consent for its use. Using social media implies consent for data use. The Area Dean was asked to request Paul Wright and Geoff March to arrange training. Community Links Bromley have courses<sup>2</sup>. Steve Varney said he would provide information about the retention period for evidence required for marriage applications. Following the meeting he said Surrogates had been told in March 2015 this is one year.

**Season of Invitation** – Richard Norman ran an event on 13 January with Michael Harvey as the speaker. Reports were positive. A course called 'Everybody Welcome' is a good companion<sup>3</sup>

**Called Together** – There are three dates for meetings on this subject<sup>4</sup>. The one for our Archdeaconry is on the 3rd March. Please register and attend. Parishes have been asked to say what initiatives they have as part of Called Together. The following were mentioned:

**Holy Trinity** weekly coffee morning. **St. Augustine** Monthly Forget-me-not dementia service plus sermon series on 'What is God Saying to St. Augustine's' and has been followed by an Alpha Course. **St. Mark** Held a 'Called Together' service. **St. Peter and St. Paul** – Working out fresh ways to use their youth centre. Bromley Church Schools Festival. **Three Faiths Forum** Loosely based in Bromley with communities not all in the Deanery and a refugee support work in Lewisham Borough. **Plus** Issues about applying for grants were raised.

**Bishop of Tonbridge** – There is a short list of potential candidates.

**Chapter Social Visit** – Last year a visit to a brewery was suggested. This still seems to have support. Beth Lewis to canvas clergy about a visit to Westerham Brewery in the first two weeks of July.

**Postponed Chapter Christmas Social** – This will be at the Area Dean's home on the evening of 23 March.

**Funerals** – It was decided to review the 2016 initiative that was taken with Funeral Directors. There have been good social connections made with FDs. The use of mobile phones helps with a fast response to a request for a funeral. Important to sustain and affirm relationships. Dignity is in trouble with 59% drop in profits.

**Tanzania** – Andrew McClellan is encouraged by the support he has received for his planned teaching visit. Please consider supporting him. Beth will be visiting Tanzania. St. Augustine's supports a building project.

**St. John's Lent Lecture** – The title is God and Art with Alistair Gordon, 7.30 p.m. 4 March<sup>5</sup>.

**Rev. Roger Bristow R.N.** – Roger's Sea Cadet chaplaincy of 19 years has resulted in him being made a member of the Royal Navy.

**Next Meeting** – 12.00 p.m. on 20 March - at St. Mary, Hayes.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.rochester.anglican.org/learning/guidance-for-learning/learning-forms-publications-guidance/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk/events-training/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/everybody-welcome-products>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.rochester.anglican.org/strategy/called-together/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.saintjohnsbromley.com/lent-lecture-2018.html>