

Minutes of Bromley Deanery Synod Meeting ~ 20:00 Monday 14 May 2018 at St Mark's Bromley

Rev Alan Keeler welcomed 35 members (1 LLM student observer), and there were 13 apologies

Rev Steve Varney led the opening worship using the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Evening Liturgy

Mrs Angela Scott in the chair...

4 & 5. The minutes were received and there were no matters arising.

6a. *Rev Roger Bristow* agreed to fill the final clergy vacancy on the Standing Committee.

6b. Attention was raised to the coming Diocesan Synod elections: 6 Laity and 5 Clergy seats to fill.

7. An update on the progress of the Dementia Motion was given. It is currently with the General Synod Business Committee who will allocate when it is to be debated. Bishop James is excited by the motion. Members were invited to attend General Synod in the visitors' gallery at the 2019 February session.

Rev Alan Keeler in the chair...

8. Communications: *Mr Chris Lord* gave a brief presentation on the setting up of a closed Deanery Facebook group...security settings are part of how it happens! This would provide yet another means of keeping in touch with other churches in the Deanery...in a media focused world this may prove more effective than just emails.

9. Community engagement:

a) Three Diocesan events were advertised:

'Modern Slavery' ~ Christ Church Beckenham 16 June 10:30- 15:30

'Illegal Money Laundering' ~ 2 July

'Freedom from Debt' ~ 20 September

b) We divided into church groups to discuss each parish project, the actions taken, and if/how other local churches are involved. Having 'posted on the wall' visually there is a lot going on that is also overlapping locally. The *Area Dean* will analyse the results and report back.

c) Suggested future Deanery business:

Reporting back on group work

Engaging with rather than confronting politics

Reading Group on Justin Welby's book 'Reimagining Britain: Foundations for Hope'

10. Training and activities open to all churches in the Deanery:

Christ Church Bromley: 27 May 14:00. Cancer Research Match at Bromley Football Club

17 June. Big Day Out Farrington's School

6 Oct. How to teach the Bible to Children

30 Oct. Ready to Go: How to teach 1 & 2 Kings

St Mary's Bromley: 'Caring Concerns' course...imminent!

St Nicholas's Chislehurst: Safeguarding 'Do it yourself on Line' C0 together!...imminent

Christ Church Chislehurst: Tim Boniface Quintet (Jazz) 26 May at 19:30. £15 (under 18 £5)

For Chislehurst C of E (St Nicholas's) School urgent repairs

11. National Deaneries Conference Oct 5-7. 'Living Deaneries' The Area Dean & Lay Chair are attending.

12. Diocesan Board of Education: New Bishop of Tonbridge, Simon Burton-Jones will become the new Chair. A Job Description for the New Director of the DBE is in the process of being produced

13. AOB: Sylvia Chance (St Mary's Bromley) is to be the new Deanery Secretary