

Amersham Deanery Lay Chair's Notes

Deanery Synod 21st November

My sincerest thanks for the confidence you have expressed in me by accepting me as Lay Chair at the last Deanery Synod. I trust that I will be able to serve you all in this role.

The Agenda for the Deanery Synod in Tuesday 21st November has been issued, and I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to my "home" parish of St James Gerrards Cross.

In preparation for the Synod can I ask you to prayerfully consider the following points?

Election to Mission and Pastoral Committee

There will be an election of lay representatives to the Mission and Pastoral Committee (M&PC). The role of the M&PC can be summarised as:-

- *To have oversight of the Deanery and its constituent parishes, being aware of the Deanery Plan, current and forthcoming vacancies, potential pastoral re-organisation and any new developments such as new housing.*

The composition of the M&PC is equal numbers of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity. In the case of Amersham Deanery this will be a total of ten with one of the Lay representatives being the Lay Chair. We therefore have four roles to fill and I am pleased to say that we have six excellent candidates for those roles.

As recently advised, the voting procedure has been revised. You are now being asked to express your vote for **four** of the candidates whose details you will have already received. The votes will be counted on the night by scrutineers appointed from the House of Clergy. If you are unable to attend, then the Dorothy Potter will accept your ballot paper which for audit purpose needs to be signed.

Events of Note

It is customary for the Area Dean to issue Notes which go out as a pre-read to Synod. However I would very much like to mention any other points of concern or interest around the Deanery which act as an encouragement or call to prayer. For example, at last Synod I was able to report the appointment of a Families Worker at Chalfont St Giles which was a new adventure for that parish.

Advent and Christmas are coming! How do we plan to spread the Good News of the arrival of our Lord and Saviour as a small baby? What events or initiatives across the Deanery that you want to share or ask particular prayer for?

Please then send me requests and information at lawrence.tebboth40g@btopenworld.com or hand me a notice at Synod?

Website and Deanery Pilgrimage

Synod will contain more information about both of these.

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