



*Amersham Deanery*

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*Assistant Area Dean's Notes February 2017*

#### VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF OXFORD IN JANUARY

Bishop Steven has written to thank the deanery for an excellent and enjoyable visit. He was astonished by the size, activity and diversity of the deanery. Our own thanks go to all who helped, especially at Beaconsfield for hosting a clergy service and lunch, and Chesham for hosting the evening Q/A session and meal with local lay leaders. Thanks too to our Deanery Secretary Dorothy for coordinating our efforts through the day.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

We have two dates with Bishop Alan which need to be allocated:

Sunday May 7th

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Any offers of host venue?

#### MOVEMENTS AND VACANCIES

Beaconsfield: congratulations to Rev'd Narinder Tegally (St Thomas Holtspur) on her appointment as lead chaplain at the Royal United Hospital in Bath.

Gerrards Cross: congratulations to Rev'd Ben Topham and the parish on his appointment as associate minister, starting around Easter.

Chalfont St Giles with Seer Green: Rev'd Cassa Messervy is now effectively working full time at Seer Green thanks to the generosity of the locals, and a long-term plan for converting her HFD to a full-time post is being worked on with the wider parish (CSG) and deanery.

Chalfont St Peter: The Incumbency has now been advertised.

Chenies, Little Chalfont, Latimer and Flaunden: Rev'd David Allsop retires after Easter. A rethink of the parish ministry focus is under consideration by the DMPC.

Offers of service cover help to any of these parishes with vacancies are most welcome.

### AREA DEAN

Camilla is signed off until after Easter. She and Ken remain in our thoughts and prayers.

### DEANERY LAY CHAIR

Don Sanderson will be standing down after many years sterling service. Any names spring to mind as a replacement?

### DEANERY SYNOD ELECTIONS

Terms of office are up, and elections should take place at our APCM's this year. Election to the Standing Committee will take place as part of the May Synod - 3 members from each house. If you would like to put yourself forward for Standing Committee, please let the Secretary (Dorothy) know.

Tim Harper  
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