

AMERSHAM DEANERY CO-AREA DEANS' NOTES FEB 2018

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

LITTLE CHALFONT, CHENIES LATIMER & FLAUNDEN

The Incumbent's post will be advertised shortly with interviews in April.

GERRARDS CROSS AND FULMER

Martin Williams will be leaving St James at the end of April. He will be continuing in his role as co-area dean alongside taking up a role with Lead Academy a national Church leaders development organization.

Di Rowlandson will leave St James at Easter to take up a post as Vicar of Earlham in the Diocese of Norwich, after over 20 years in the deanery.

BEACONSFIELD TEAM

Discussions continue with the Diocese on the future of St Thomas Holtspur and the future of the team structure. Rev Sharon Roberts has joined the clergy team from St Michael top Amersham.

CHESHAM BOIS

Exciting new plans for the redevelopment of the parish centre and rectory site are being made.

SEER GREEN

Cassa Messervy is now in full time stipendiary role. Cassa is also now the assistant area dean

DEANERY SYNOD

Has got off to a purposeful start following the elections last year. We hope to focus on sharing of best practice and Mission Action Planning in the first half of 2018

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Elections will be held for a new synod later this year. Please consider standing both laity and clergy. As the big player/payer in the diocese Amersham Deanery needs to be well represented.

CONSULTATIONS

This year the diocese will be holding our Spring Financial Consultation for deanery officers on Saturday 10 March in Church House Oxford. As we want to allow plenty of time for discussion, the morning will start at 9am (with coffee available from 8.45am) and we aim to finish by 12.15pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-financial-consultation-2018-tickets-42561684143>

There is an MDR consultation happening at St James GX with Diocesan representatives to review the current MDR process.

There is also a consultation day for Bucks about +Steven's Diocesan Vision. Please encourage your church leadership and PCC's to participate in this. March 24th at The Floyd Grammar School

DIOCESAN YOUTH FORUM SATURDAY 24th FEB

Is anyone planning to send reps? Please do.

CHAPTER

Martin led us in discussion on themes for our meetings in 2018.

CONFIRMATIONS

An Amersham Deanery service is booked in for 15/7/18. Any offers to host?

CLERGY CONFERENCE 30 April – 3 May

Clergy who hold a current licence within the diocese are warmly invited to attend the Living Waters conference. Please note that this conference is subsidised by the diocese, the cost for attendance is just £120.00 (full board).

SAFEGUARDING

The diocese is running an update course at GX on Monday Sept 17th. All clergy are obliged to undertake such training, and this is an ideal local opportunity.

OBERAMMERGAU

As you know a deanery pilgrimage to Oberammergau is planned for 2020. Details are on the deanery Website. This will be led by Rev Christoph Lindner and Lawrence Tebboth our Deanery Lay Chair. It is now full, but a waiting list is being opened as inevitable one or two will drop out.

Tim H/Martin W

