

AMERSHAM DEANERY CO-AREA DEANS' NOTES MAY 2018

ARCHDEACON

Our thoughts and prayers are with Guy and his family following the tragic family events, accounts of which you may have seen in the press. He is off work for the time being, and business matters should be addressed to Bishop Alan.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

Little Chalfont, Chenies, Latimer and Flaunden

The Incumbent's post did not attract suitable candidates first time round. It will be re-advertised on 10th May in a revised form following consultation with Parish Development Adviser.

Gerrards Cross and Fulmer

Martin Williams has now moved, and is taking May off. He will be licensed to the Chesham team for June to continue his role as our co-area dean and his other new ministry projects with Lead Academy, which we will hear about in due course. The parish profile has been drawn up promptly and will be advertised shortly.

Beaconsfield team

Discussions continue with the Diocese on the future of St Thomas Holtspur and the future of the team structure. Next meeting with Archdeacon set for 28th June.

VISITATIONS

Archdeacon's Visitation is set for 21st May – joint with Slough Deanery. Chris Bull will represent Guy.

Following issuance of new guidance notes for Parish Inspections, an allocation of parishes has been agreed for 2018, shared between the Co-Area Deans and Assistant Area Dean.

DEANERY SYNOD

We had an excellent meeting with quality input on Messy Church, as well as routine business to adopt the annual accounts. Sharp timing too. The shape of things to come we hope.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Lawrence and Dorothy have sent round information about the elections that will be held for a new synod later this year. Please consider standing. Amersham Deanery needs to be well represented.

CLERGY CONFERENCE 30 April – 3 May

Was a great success, with interesting speakers, well planned small groups and a multitude of study possibilities. The food was also vastly improved.

FACULTIES AND PLANNING PERMISSION

A reminder that these are important legal necessities. Please check anything significant with the Archdeacon well in advance. Err on the side of caution.

SAFEGUARDING

While the upper echelons of the Cof E are still struggling to understand this, in our parishes it is vital we each have a policy that is widely understood, kept under review and that works! Are we all super-compliant?

GDPR

New GDPR regulations come into force on 25th May. All Churches need to have their Data Privacy Policy sorted as a minimum towards compliance. There has been good take up on the Diocesan events to help parishes.

Tim H