

## **AMERSHAM DEANERY SYNOD**

Minutes of the Amersham Deanery Synod meeting held in St James Centre, Gerrards Cross on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 commencing at 8pm.

### **Present: House of Clergy:**

Jez Carr, Ben Clarke, Lawrie Clow, Paul Henderson, Christoph Lindner, Brian Ludlow, Peggy Ludlow (AD), Jeremy Moodey, Ross Mungavin, Sharon Roberts, Graham Summers, Jenny Tebboth, David Whale.

### **House of Laity:**

Janet Allen, Jean Batchelor, Andrew Bell, Mary Benthall, Michal Carmody, David Carter, Hazel Chow, Janine Dunnell, Julie Dziegie (Hon Treasurer), Roger Edwards, Francesca Hall-Drinkwater, Hazel Miller, Ian Mitton, John Nash, Andrew Patterson, Derek Portwood, Jacqueline Rose, Trevor Sharkey, Stephanie Summerell, Lawrence Tebboth (Lay Chair), Cobus Van der Walt, Joan Wainman, Mary Webster, Eddie Weiss,.

### **Apologies: House of Clergy:**

Tim Barnard, John Goodman, Debbie Oades, Jonny Rapson.

### **House of Laity:**

Chris Embleton-Smith, Peter Flory, Margaret Gingell, Jacquie Hardman, Michael Hardman, Jackie Lambert, Hilary Povey. Jonathan Rushworth Krystal Van Wauwe, Linda West.

**Secretary:** Dorothy Potter

**Visitor:** Frederique Henderson, Corrine Summers

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Rev'd Peggy Ludlow (Area Dean) was Chairman.

- 1) At 8pm the meeting began with the Chairman welcoming the Synod, and thanked St James Centre for the use of the building and their hospitality. Rev'd Ben Clarke welcomed the Synod to St James, and Ian Mitton and Josh XXXXX led the worship songs. Rev'd Ross Mungavin led the reflection and prayers.
- 2) Apologies – these will be taken from the signing in sheet, in addition to those given to the Secretary ahead of the meeting.
- 3) Minutes of the Last Meeting:  
The minutes were approved.

4) Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

5) Area Dean's Notes. These had been circulated in advance. Rev'd Ruth Atkinson will be leaving Penn Street and Holmer Green at the end of the month. The outstanding vacancies are Beaconsfield and Penn and Tylers Green.

6) Diocesan Synod Report. This has been circulated in advance of the meeting.

A game of Head and Tails was introduced by Rev'd Peggy Ludlow

7. Parish Share. A copy of the 2023 Share Allocation was supplied to all attendees by Mrs Julie Dziegiel (Hon Treasurer). Mrs Dziegiel went through every line on the share allocation from Oxford re Amersham Deanery so Synod members had an understanding of how the costs of diocese are allocated. She then went through how the Deanery Parish Share Allocation is calculated. These will be on the Amersham Deanery website.

A further game of Heads and Tails led by Rev'd Peggy Ludlow

8. General Synod Report Rev'd Jeremy Moodey was elected to General Synod in November 2021, shortly after he was ordained. Jeremy gave a very interesting talk on being a new member of the General Synod and on the two meetings that he has attended.

9. Mission Link – Steve and Lindsey Poulson. Steve and Lindsey had sent a video of the work they are doing with CMS in Honduras, and the new initiatives they are helping to set up to support the work of children and young people.

Rev'd Peggy Ludlow asked the Synod whether we should continue to support the Poulson's financially, and this was overwhelmingly agreed by a show of hands.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.25pm.