

AMERSHAM DEANERY SYNOD

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2017 at The Parish Centre, Gerrards Cross.

Present: House of Clergy:

Tim Barnard, Ruth Boughton, Ian Brown, Chris Gercke, Sue Gill, Tim Harper (Area Dean), Cassa Messervy, Debbie Oades, Sharon Roberts, John Shepherd, Peter Simmons, Jenny Tebboth, Ben Topham, Martin Williams (Area Dean).

House of Laity:

Louise Baneke, Jan Bartlett, Andrew Bell, Mary Benthall, Peter Bright, Linda Bryan, Margaret Carey, Michael Carmody, Christopher Cook, Julie Dziegiel (Hon Treasurer), Nigel Edward-Few, Andrew Farncombe, Stephen Fitzjohn, Margaret Gingell, Frances Hall, Ian Hamilton, Jacquie Hardman, Michael Hardman, Martin Josten, David Kidner, Sheila King, Mary Lee, Keith Lucas, David Mackie, Jean Meakin, Susan Pounce, Hilary Povey, David Rafferty, Deborah Sanders, Maren Saville, James Scorer, Roy Stroomer, Stephanie Summerell, Susan Shyvers, Lawrence Tebboth (Lay Chair), Cobus van der Walt, Peta Woollett, Keith Wright.

Apologies: House of Clergy:

Mike Bisset, Derrick Carr, Chris Clare, Christoph Lindner, Chris Lion, Sylvester Liyanage, Di Rowlandson, Graham Summers, Camilla Walton, John Went.

House of Laity:

Judith Babb, David Carter, Zoe Clark, Peter Flory, Judy Knight, Roger Leslie, Ann Ralph, Peter Simmonds, , George Thackray, Linda West.

Visitors: Francesca Hall-Drinkwater

Secretary: Dorothy Potter

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Mr Lawrence Tebboth (Lay Chair) was in the Chair.

- 1) At 8pm Rev'd Martin Williams (AD) welcomed members and led the Synod in worship and prayers.

- 2) Apologies – these will be taken from the attendance sheet.
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held 21st September 2017 were agreed with amendments to those who attended, and were accepted by a show of hands.
- 4) Matters Arising: Rev'd Cassa Messervy has been appointed as Assistant Area Dean. Notice was drawn to the Area Dean's Notes that new Data Protection regulations are coming into force in 2018 – training is being provided by the Diocese – so do book your place.
- 5) Election of Members to the Mission and Pastoral Committee – Voting Papers were circulated before the meeting to Lay members, to place their papers in the ballot boxes before the start of the meeting. The count will be supervised by Rev'd Ian Brown and Rev'd Cassa Messervy and announced to the meeting in due course.
- 6) Mission Action Plan – Rev'd Martin Williams (AD) gave an update: The Diocese has put an emphasis on a 3 yearly coherent MAP, to show what is being focussed on, and this information fed back to the Archdeacon. MAP's produced previously by the parishes have a common theme: fresh expressions, training, messy church – but are now out of date. Rev'd Martin Williams (AD) suggested that MAP's are updated to fall in line with APCM 2018, and to provide a summary to enable the Deanery MAP to be updated. Church planting and new congregations in areas of new development is heavily reliant on information and data from parishes ie The Parish Returns. Only 18 out of 29 Deaneries returned the requested information. Rev'd Debbie Oades (Amersham on the Hill) told the Synod that Rev'd Jill Roth (Vocations Advisor) was very good at providing information as to how others see you, and parishes should consider using her. Mr Stephen Fitzjohn spoke about churches establishing congregation who do not have church buildings – are these people recorded and how.
- 7) The Election Scrutineers reported that the count had been completed. They were thanked by Mr Lawrence Tebboth (LC), and the results were announced.

Those elected to the Mission and Pastoral Committee were: David Carter, Peter Flory, Jacque Hardman and Stephanie Summerell. Thanks were given to all who participated.

- 8) Finance: Mrs Julie Dziegiel (Hon Treasurer) produced the 2018 Share Allocation, and went through the figures, and explained that the Church of the Future is for training and supporting curates, and that the 8.8% shown against National & Diocesan support costs is calculated on a formula based on people and wealth. The Balance of Glebe - this is restricted money held to be used for clergy and is looked after by investment managers at Oxford. In 2017 the Share Allocation was based on 17 full time ministers and 2 House for Duty Ministers, but as Rev'd Cassa Messervy will becoming a full time stipendiary minister from 2018, the figures are based on 18 full time ministers and 1 House for duty Minister.
Questions asked: Is October the best month to collate date from, as locally schools break for a fortnight for half term? Data has been collected historically in October and difficulties would or

could arise in any month. Mr Michael Hardman: The Diocese work on difficult statistics as some churches only have one service a month. Mrs Dziegiel (Hon Treasurer) then explained Amersham Deanery Parish Share.

Mrs Dziegiel (Hon Treasurer) asked the Synod to agree the Parish Share

This was agreed by a show of hands.

Mrs Dziegiel thanked Mr Michael Hardman for his work behind the scenes.

- 9) Deanery Visit to Oberammergau Mr Tebboth (LC) spoke about the planned pilgrimage in 2020 and showed clips from a leaflet that is now on the website. Rev'd Christoph Lindner has agreed to be the Chaplain for the pilgrimage. Mr Tebboth (LC) asked parishes to put it in their notices and for expressions of interest to be made to him by the end of January 2018.
- 10) Deanery Website: Mr Dave Kidner has been working behind the scenes to update the Deanery website. One or two minor details need to be amended, but this is still a work in progress.
- 11) AOB: Bishop Graham Tomlin will be speaking about Martin Luther at Gerrards Cross on 27th November 2017.

Mr Tebboth (LC) The next meeting will be on 28th February 2018 at the Fitzwilliam Centre, Beaconsfield, and will look at MAP and in particular how messy church is incorporated into MAP.

Rev'd Tim Harper (AD) closed the meeting with prayers at 9.30pm