

Approved Minutes of Easington Deanery Synod Meeting held on the 25th November 2019

Present:

Reverend Canon Jane Grieve Area Dean, Reverend Carol Harris, Reverend Paul Harrison, Father Paul Kennedy, Father Mark Mawhinney, Father Kyle McNeil, Reverend Paul Paterson, Reverend Muriel Peters

Lay Chair Stephen Pickering

Sarah Garland (Ministerial Experience Volunteer), Vanessa Kirby (Cranmer Ordinand)

Speakers – Tim Burden Christian Aid Regional Coordinator, Canon Charlie Allen Canon Chancellor @Durham Cathedral

Ray & Alice Armbrister, Alan Askew, Joanne Benson, Lorraine Dodds, Matt Finkel, Tracey Fox, Ann-Marie Green, Marie Lovell, Carol Lines, Carol Maddison, Liz Masshedar, Alan Roxborough, Jeannette & Jim Simpson, Ann Smith, Julie Smith, Sue Webster, Maureen Wilson, Jane Winter.

1. Opening Worship

Father Kyle McNeil led the meeting in a time of worship with inspiration from the life of Saint Catherine of Alexandria.

2. Apologies for absence:

Reverend David Bond, Reverend Elaine Jones, Reverend Lucy Moss,

Neil Armstrong, Diane Metcalfe, Kathy McAvoy, George Robinson, Alan Whitwell

3. Welcome

Reverend Jane welcomed Vanessa Kirby to the meeting, a first year Ordinand in a placement with Wheatley Hill & Wingate with a remit to become familiar with Church of England structures. Reverend Jane also gave a warm welcome to those who had been invited by their church representatives to the meeting because of the agenda items.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd September 2019

With two amendments, the minutes were accepted by the meeting.

5. Matters Arising:

Carol Lines has been unwell and so has not been able to arrange an Easington Deanery Prayer Group meeting.

6. Waymark

All information gathered by the Durham Diocese is being collated and will be used to inform the next Plan on a Page for 2021-2025. The meeting was asked to discuss in small groups questions that were mainly from the Waymark Conference with a few additional ones. The questions and feedback will be sent to Deanery Representatives.

A Deanery Consultation Day is planned for the 25th January 2020 to discuss practical ways of taking Waymark forward

7. Pilgrimage – Canon Charlie Allen

The Northern Saints project is being coordinated by Visit County Durham in partnership with Durham Cathedral, Durham Diocese and others. www.northernsaints.com.

There will be six pilgrim routes, four inside Durham and two joining with routes which continue outside of Durham.

The Cathedral wants to welcome pilgrims as intentionally as possible, so parishes, churches, deaneries will be invited to visit the Cathedral and worship there together. There will be someone at the entrance to welcome pilgrims and to offer "foot washing"; in the Cathedral there will be places to pause, reflect and pray. There will be a mid-day Eucharist service at the Shrine. A token to commemorate their visit will be given to each pilgrim, and there will be a display of the various tokens that have been issued to pilgrims over the years.

Durham Council will also host events to experience pilgrimage in different ways.

The Pilgrim Way booklet (Durham special edition) is available for churches to use please let Jeannette know if your parish would like to buy some, if we order in bulk the cost will be 50p a copy

8. Christian Aid - Mr Tim Burden

Christian Aid has been participating in God's mission worldwide for 80 years. Tim gave the meeting an overview of some brand new resources available.

THE BIG JUSTICE STORY SACK for primary age children 4-11, the sack contains 15 sessions, with activities etc. that tell the Bible stories, helping children to grow in their faith and to see God's desire for justice that is threaded throughout the Bible. There is an illustrated playmat that can be used with each session.

BELONG for secondary age young people, a series of sessions with different options to help young people in their faith and in putting their faith into action.

GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS is a primary school accreditation scheme in partnership with the Church of England's Education Office which aims to champion good global citizenship. It is open to all schools.

The resources are available through the website www.caid.org.uk/big-justice and www.caid.org.uk/belong to download free belong material. Tim Burton's contact details are: email: tburdon@christian-aid.org Tele: 01912280115. Tim is willing to visit churches to talk about how people can give through their wills.

9. Deanery Reorganisation Update

The Pastoral Scheme giving a legal framework for the proposals that we have been working on to reduce the stipendiary posts from 9 to 7 by 2020 has been discussed by the Bishop's Council in their role of Diocesan Pastoral Committee and has been approved by them. The PCC Secretaries of parishes affected by the Pastoral Scheme will receive a formal letter seeking views of the PCCs. Following this legal consultation period the Church Commissioners will arrange a Public Notice in each parish designed to give everyone the fullest opportunity to give their views. Deanery Reps are asked to make sure their PCCs are fully aware of the process.

10. Casual Lay vacancy for Diocese Synod

There being one candidate for the casual vacancy for a lay person to represent the deanery on Diocesan Synod, Maureen Wilson, members of the House of Laity unanimously resolved that she should fill this vacancy.

11. Dates & venues for Deanery Synod

Monday	3rd February	Dalton le Dale
Monday	18th May	TBC
Monday	13th July	TBC
Monday	28th September	TBC
Monday	23rd November	TBC

The meeting was asked to check that the dates are possible. Dr Jamie Harrison will speak at the meeting in February.

If there are any particular issues that you would like to see on the agendas, please let Jane or Stephen know.

12. GOOD NEWS

Congratulations and a gift and card were given to the Reverend Muriel Peters on her licensing as Associate Priest for Shotton and Haswell,

Dalton le Dale – the builders have departed and they are waiting for the architects to sign off on the work. Sadly Marian Oliver, the Church Treasurer has died.

South Hetton – the roof which had just been repaired has again been vandalised, letting water into the Church, but the members are looking for God to work through this experience.

Men's Breakfast at South Hetton Saturday 30th November

Filling Station Monday 2nd December Gram Seed will be speaking on how God has changed his life.

The meeting closed with prayer

The date of the next meeting is 3th February 2020 at Dalton le Dale St Andrew

7 for 7.15pm

Alan Stainsby is not very well, humanly speaking there is no going back, Reverend Jane asked the meeting to pray for Alan & Julie daily.

Reverend Jane Grieve thanked Hordern St Mary for their hospitality on behalf of the Synod.