

**BASSETLAW & BAWTRY DEANERY SYNOD**  
**Minutes of Bassetlaw and Bawtry Deanery Synod**

(Recorded by Kate Banks, Deanery Administrator)

**Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at Ye Olde Bell Hotel, Barnby Moor, Near Retford**

The meeting opened at 7.30pm. The Area Dean, Revd. Jonathan Strickland chaired the meeting jointly with Mr Rick Brand, Lay Chair. There were another 48 Synod members from both houses present, including the Deanery Treasurer and Administrator.

Attached: Parish Share – Proposal for 2019  
 Pilgrims Festival in November  
 NHCT Letter re Roof Alarm Grant  
 Diocese Conference Notes from Revd Becky Hancock

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome, Worship and Prayers</b>	The Area Dean led worship and prayer. The clergy new to the deanery were welcomed: Reverends Ben Clayton, Canon Bronwen Gamble , Nicky Skipworth , Richard Hanford and Michael Vyse (curates) and David Bean (permanent deacon). Revd Cora Yarrien, also new, was absent. Revd Nicky Skipworth read from Luke’s Gospel, Chapter 9:10-17	
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Clergy: Revd Sue Caddy Revd Luiz Lima Revd Peter Sheasby Revd Cora Yarrien Laity: Alan Dunning Ann Hickman Barbara de Bel Carol Bower Emma Fullelove Harvey Falcon Jackie Liddiard Jeanette Hercun Joan Herrington John Chambers Josie Batty Sue Tallents	
<b>3. &amp; 4. Minutes of 10/07/2018</b>	These were accepted and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.	
<b>5. &amp; 11. Correspondence &amp; AOB</b>	i. Revd Mark Cantrill asked, on behalf of Nick Harding (Children’s Ministry Advisor), that each parish makes sure that a DBS recruiter is in place and that all DBS checks are done – or at least that lists be created to demonstrate a work in progress. ii. Anthea Moat, Secretary of Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, asked for parishes to register interest, with her, in a potential grant of £1000 available from the All Churches Trust for Roof Alarms. (Letter attached).	

	<p>iii. Rick Brand informed us of the Pilgrims Festival in November and that Notts CC Local Improvement Scheme' Capital Fund applications had opened – to be submitted by Thursday 28 February 2019 <a href="#">Capital Fund</a></p>	
<b>6. Blyth and St Swithun's</b>	<p>i. Revd Jacqueline McKenna, currently Lead Chaplain and Bereavement Care Manager at Bassetlaw Hospital, is to be Priest-in-Charge of Blyth and Scrooby with Ranskill. Jackie will not be continuing her post at the hospital.</p> <p>ii. The 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the SDF (Strategic Development Fund) bid has been successful therefore the plan to appoint a new incumbent and team at St Swithun's, Retford will go ahead in 2019. Meanwhile Revd Canon Dick Lewis will coordinate service provision, offer the congregation pastoral care and be contact point for occasional offices.</p>	
<b>7. Parish Share</b>	<p>See attached Parish Share – Proposal for 2019, distributed also with the agenda. The Deanery Treasurer explained this.</p> <p>Actual share payment is declining – in 2017 84.6% was paid, 74.7% is predicted for 2018. See heat map on page 3 of proposal. Please can you let Peter Stanley know your estimated finishing position for 2018.</p> <p>We are on a journey towards the 100% required over a 5-7 year period in order to receive ministry at the current rate. The Diocese will buffer the deanery with £200,000 from reserves in 2019. The aim is get every benefice paying above direct ministry costs (the lower dotted line on proposal graphs). They know their parishes best so will continue to allocate to them. Direct and full ministry costs (higher dotted line on proposal graphs) act as a guideline as to what is to be paid. See the ministry costs booklet, available online at <a href="#">Ministry Costs 2018</a>.</p> <p>The Deanery will issue the Parish Share notification letters this year. Parish allocations are to be returned to the Deanery Office by 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Figures have to be returned swiftly to the Diocese. Proposed new benefices are asked to work together, though RATM legally exists until January, as the proposed figures look forward. The green lines on the graphs show the amounts forecast for giving to get above direct costs. These have been calculated with rules applied to what a parish has paid in 2017. This has then been rolled out to the overall group they will belong to. A meeting will be arranged shortly to offer further explanation to treasurers.</p> <p>A question was asked about the burden of paying building maintenance costs in multi parish benefices. At one time the Deanery formula included a factor for this. This is not included in this calculation, except by implication, as the allocation is based on what was previously paid (and calculated with this factor included). A corollary to this point is the cost of maintaining open churchyards. To some extent this cost will be offset by the fee income from internments and monuments.</p> <p>Clarification of giving per person is that it is average weekly giving is divided by usual adult Sunday attendance. It was agreed this number needs to be used with care, but it indicates in broad terms the relatively low level of</p>	<p>All Parish Treasurers</p>

	<p>weekly giving in the Deanery, and the modest increase required weekly to pay the proposed share in full.”</p> <p>The proposal is based on what has successfully been paid before. Parishes were encouraged to draw funding from elsewhere for buildings, e.g. Notts Historic Churches Trust, to prioritize own money for Parish Share, and to inform the deanery of any exceptional circumstances. Tony Brown, Parishes Giving and Funding Consultant (tel: 01636 817239), will offer support for grant applications and funding campaigns.  <a href="mailto:tonybrown@southwell.anglican.org">tonybrown@southwell.anglican.org</a></p> <p>A question was asked regarding the money given to the Deanery, from the Church Commissioner’s money, via the Diocese to support deprived parishes. Why could that not be clearly given to the parishes which had attracted its allocation?</p> <p>The Church Commissioners used to give £1.3m to Southwell and Nottingham as one of the most deprived dioceses, they now give a similar sum via the new funding route. In monetary terms nothing has changed. Whereas this money used to be given to deaneries as a reduced overall allocation, the deanery now specifically receives 4.63 units of deprivation funding (£42,5000 given per unit). All the changes to calculation methods have resulted in the deanery being asked for roughly the same amount of money as before. Over many years the Deanery has supported deprived parishes, seen markedly in the case of St Paul’s, Manton and All Saints Harworth, this support continues in 2019, as it was fully accounted for in 2017 – on which the new figures are based.”</p> <p>Tom Fremantle thanked Peter Stanley for clearly and fully laying out the proposal and providing a pragmatic solution so that funds can be raised to support the full team of clergy now in the deanery. The reading from Luke recorded the miracle of 5 loaves and 2 fish, giving a message of hope that God will bless our generosity.</p> <p>Peter Stanley put forward the proposal, Tom Fremantle seconded it. It was passed with 44 votes in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention.</p>	
<p><b>8. Diocese Synod Update</b></p>	<p>Please read an update from the Diocese Synod which took place on 20<sup>th</sup> October here: <a href="#">Diocese Synod Autumn 2018</a> This link leads to a talk by Bishop Paul and the Budget for 2019 which was discussed and accepted.</p>	
<p><b>9. Update from Diocese Conference</b></p>	<p>Rev Becky Hancock gave the synod feedback from the recent Diocese Conference, “Now is the Time”. We were encouraged to grasp the current season of opportunity, to live in the moment, being watchful and thankful as we look for God already at work.</p> <p>Boldness and courage to be radical was encouraged by both Archbishop Sentamu and John Spence, Chairman of the Church of England Strategic Investment Board, as God’s presence now makes a real difference and gives hope and strength to the few.</p> <p>See the attached notes.</p>	

<p><b>10. One LIFE</b></p>	<p>A Deanery Prayer Event took place last week at St Saviour's, Retford, to launch the Archbishop's Mission on the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – now named "One LIFE". The next Prayer Event will take place on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Christ Church, Worksop. There is an opportunity to pray with others weekly at Christ Church at 10.00am on Thursday mornings. Revd Liuz Lima and Rev Becky Hancock (<a href="mailto:revluizlima@outlook.com">revluizlima@outlook.com</a> and <a href="mailto:revbeckyhancock@gmail.com">revbeckyhancock@gmail.com</a>) are available to encourage your church to plan events for next September. It is planned to establish at least 100 nurture groups in the diocese to disciple people following the mission, and for leaders to be trained for these.</p>	
<p><b>12. Closing Prayer</b></p>	<p>The meeting closed at 9.30pm with prayer.</p>	

**The next meeting is at 7.30pm on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Ye Olde Bell when Bishop Tony Porter will join us.**