

BASSETLAW & BAWTRY DEANERY SYNOD

Minutes recorded by Mr Ray Shaw, Secretary, Deanery Synod

Minutes of Bassetlaw and Bawtry Deanery Synod Held on 30th January 2018 at Ye Olde Bell Hotel, Barnby Moor, Nr Retford

The meeting opened at 7.30pm with worship led by the Area Dean, Revd. Jonathan Strickland, who welcomed members and guests and chaired the meeting jointly with Mr Rick Brand, Lay Chair.

There were 43 Synod members from both houses present. There are 17 House of Laity places vacant.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACT ION
2. Apologies	Received from 18 members	
3. Minutes of Synod 18 th Oct	The Minutes were accepted as a true record, passed by a unanimous show of hands from those present at that meeting.	
4. Matters Arising	<p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p>Other business:</p> <p>4.1 Mrs Ann Hickman in her capacity as British Legion representative encouraged churches to take up the challenge of ringing a peal of bells on Remembrance Sunday 2018 to mark the centenary of the Armistice. Other anniversaries that may be marked this year is 100 years since the founding of the Royal Air Force on 1st April and the explosion at Chilwell munitions factory on July 1st. Mrs Hickman offered her support to any church initiatives.</p> <p>4.2 Open Churches Weekend 7/8 July. The closing date to register was Friday 26th January but there may still be time. Contact Kate Hurst e-mail: kate.hurst@southwell.anglican.org or Tel: 01636 817211.</p>	
5. Pastoral Concerns	Prayers were offered for Barbara Bartle (Clays) who is about to undergo a knee operation; Susan Bartle (Clays) undergoing tests; Audrey Hind (Elkesley) ill in hospital. Thanks were given for Joan Herrington (Sutton) who is recovering from treatment. Prayer were also offered for the family of 10-year-old Seth Bartle killed in a road accident in Retford, as well as for Rev Mark Cantrell who is soon to conduct his funeral.	
6. Area Dean's report	<p>6.1 The Bishop's giving talks have been well received. A video of one talk is to be made and PCCs are encouraged to view it when posted on the website.</p> <p>6.2 Refresh in Lent. For all members of congregations particularly those in leadership roles. Flyers were distributed.</p> <p>6.3 Six Start! training packs for new and potential disciples are now available for churches to borrow.</p>	

	<p>6.4 Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative is to take place 15-17th June.</p> <p>6.5 School of Discipleship is now established looking at future developments in lay and ministry training.</p> <p>Transform Weekend at Walesby 13-15 June. Camping and day visitors welcome.</p>	
7. Good News Slot: Rev Luiz Lima	<p>7.1 The first local Generate session was held at Christ Church Worksop. It attracted a good number of young people from Y6 to 18 years and such was the enthusiasm that a film night has been arranged for February 10th. A second Generate session is to be held at the same venue on March 16th.</p> <p>7.2 Christ Church and St Luke's also held a series of three services for children about to join Reception classes at local schools, church and non-church linked. Forty-five families attended and each was prayed for individually and the child given a certificate of welcome, with the head teacher ministering as well. Positive response from all the families and some evidence of church growth from the initiative.</p>	
8. PCC matters	<p>8.1 Insurers are beginning to check that churches are up to date with policies in place and reviewed regularly. A guidance note is available from Ecclesiastical Insurance website https://www.ecclesiastical.com/churchmatters/images/pdf%20-%20church%20guidance%20notes%20-%20health%20and%20safety.pdf</p> <p>8.2 New data protection rules are coming into force that will affect all organizations that keep personal data on record- GDPR. Data can only be used for the purpose it is recorded and only used for other contact with permission. A guidance note can be found on the diocesan website. http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/</p>	
9. Finance	<p>9.1 GfM 2017 84.6% paid, £129 k short compared with 94% and £69k resp in 2016. Twenty parishes have paid in full; 27 less than full share.</p> <p>9.2 GfM 2018 Following a meeting with the diocese, the Deanery leadership team has produced a draft discussion document to bring about a cohesive and agreed strategy on Giving for 2019 and beyond. The Lay Chair asked for feedback from all parties on Synod so that a final document can be submitted for approval at next Deanery Synod. It is hoped that there will be an exchange of ideas across parishes to improve rates of giving, in conjunction with the Bishop's initiative mentioned in the Area Dean's report.</p>	
10. Retford Area Team	<p>Both rural and urban congresses have been held. It is proposed that the rural parishes comprise three benefices each of seven or eight parishes each with vision and governance to be established.</p>	

Ministry Task Group Report <i>Revd Canon Phil Williams</i>	Discussion on a vision for the three Retford town churches are underway and consideration is being made of combining Ordsall and St Michael's into one benefice. Though RATM is currently suspended it will continue in a new form. There may also be movement on parishes boundary delineation. Hope to appoint a Priest-in-Charge for St Saviour's in the Autumn of 2018. Rev Canon Williams was thanked for his resume.	
11. Growing Disciples	11.1 Deanery Mapping Evening was held 7 th November 7.30pm at Headon Village Hall. It was felt that many of the opportunities for mission development had been looked at within the 2020 process but for those new to the deanery it opened minds to the possibilities of what is a large area and with a wide scope of people. The map is available for future analysis. 11.2 Vacancies There is a meeting arranged between the PCC of Blyth Scrooby Ranskill and the Archdeacon to discuss the vacancy on Thursday 1 st February. There is nothing to report on Harworth. Concern was expressed that deanery officers are not being involved in discussions on vacancies and are therefore unable to brief Synod. 11.3 A study day on the Gospel of Matthew is to be held at Worksop Christ Church Saturday 3 rd February. All welcome.	
12. Correspondence	None received.	
13. Deanery Synod Meetings 2018	Monday 30 th April 2018 Tuesday 10 th July 2018 Tuesday 23 rd October 2018 All to be held at Ye Olde Bell, Barnby Moor	

A presentation was made to Ray Shaw on his retirement from the position of Administrator and Deanery Synod Secretary.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9.00pm