

# BASSETLAW & BAWTRY DEANERY SYNOD

## Minutes of Bassetlaw and Bawtry Deanery Synod

(Recorded by Kate Banks, Deanery Administrator)

Held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 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. All those present were welcomed, along with the recently appointed Deanery Administrator, Kate Banks. There were 47 Synod members from both houses present.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Received from 11 members	
<b>3. Minutes of Synod 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Apologies were given regarding incorrect dates in the Minutes. Thy Kingdom Come prayer is from 10th-20th May. <a href="#">Thy Kingdom Come Transform Weekend</a> at Walesby) is 13th-15th July. <a href="#">Transform Weekend</a> Otherwise there were no issues arising and they were accepted unanimously as a true record by those present at that meeting.	
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>	There were no matters arising or AOB.	
<b>5. Correspondence</b>	There was no correspondence to report.	
<b>6. RATM Review and Vacancies Elsewhere</b>	The Revd. Phil Williams, Associate Archdeacon for Transition Ministry, addressed the Synod, giving encouragement that progress was being made. A new Pastoral Scheme is nearly ready to go to the Bishop's Council, hopefully to start in January 2019. A "Memorandum of Understanding" is being built as concerns are shared, and details and processes sorted out. In the new rural benefices each church will be identified as a parish church so that up to two wardens can be elected, thereby continuing the historical connection to previous churchwardens. Names of the new benefices are yet to be formally agreed. There is agreement of new parish boundaries in Retford. A map of boundaries is included with these minutes. Revd. Sue Caddy will serve in Ordsall and St Michael's, with David Bean who will be ordained Deacon on 1 <sup>st</sup> July. St Swithun's Church will have a new small parish focussed on town centre ministry where a Town Missioner will operate. St Swithun's C of E Primary School will be in St. Saviour's parish.	
<b>7. Good News Slot</b>	<u>Area Dean:</u> In July a Filling Station, a new informal way of expressing the Christian faith, is starting at Pusto Hill Farm (DN10 5DD) to encourage rural communities. See attached poster. <u>Revd. Irene Tissington:</u> Ranskill singing group, meeting on a Wednesday evening, has grown from 6 to 22 members, all three churches and non-church members attend. <u>Revd. Becky Hancock:</u> A Youth Alpha group is running in Bawtry connecting with young people who want to know more.	

<b>7. Good News Slot continued</b>	Harvey Falcon: 30-40 people, attend Blyth PCC luncheon club (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month). A profit of £500 has been given to the church for lighting.	
<b>8. PCC Matters/Forth coming Events</b>	<p>8a. From Ascension to Pentecost, Thy Kingdom Come prayer takes place. Free resources were handed out for parishes to use to guide them in their praying. St Nicholas, Bawtry is launching the event across the Deanery on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. See the website for more ideas: <a href="#">Thy Kingdom Come</a></p> <p>8b. Open Church Weekend. Churches were encouraged to get involved and to have a welcome face in attendance for visitors to connect with a person. Diocese' publicity materials will be available from the Deanery Office in late May. There will be electronic copies on the Diocese website.</p> <p>8c. <b>On 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> new legislation comes into place concerning the way data is used. Please see the following link: <a href="#">GDPR Advice</a></p>	KB
<b>9. Parish Share</b>	<p>The Parish Share policy document has been approved at Standing Committee and is attached to these minutes. Hard copies were available at the Synod meeting. Comments and feedback are welcomed at the next Synod Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The Lay Chair pointed out that figures remained on a downward spiral and invited parish to contact the Deanery if it would be helpful to discuss their current situation. Proposals for future calculations will be discussed at the Diocese Synod. No new processes are in place yet. Meetings will be planned for Treasurers following the Standing Committee in July.</p>	
	<p>The Area Dean led Worship and Prayer, followed by a screening of a talk by Bishop Paul called "Discipleship, Gospel and Giving". The talk can be found on the internet by following this link: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/08eotqvk0voq85o/AADfBVm9DPMIaL1VuSmKgYqsa?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/08eotqvk0voq85o/AADfBVm9DPMIaL1VuSmKgYqsa?dl=0</a> Please share this within your congregations as appropriate.</p>	
<b>10. Deanery Synod Meetings 2018</b>	<p>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 7.30pm          Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 7.30pm</p> <p>All to be held at Ye Olde Bell, Barnby Moor</p>	

The meeting closed with prayer at 9.00pm