

# BASSETLAW & BAWTRY DEANERY SYNOD

## Minutes of Bassetlaw and Bawtry Deanery Synod

(Recorded by Kate Banks, Deanery Administrator)

Held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 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 47 Synod members from both houses present.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome, Worship and Prayers</b>	The Area Dean led worship and prayer. He welcomed the Revd. Michael Vyse, and ordinand Alan Rimmer, from The Priory in Worksop and new members Barbara Newbold (Retford) and Anne Kean (Christ Church and Shireoaks, Worksop).	
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Received from 9 members	
<b>3. Minutes of meeting of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2018</b>	These were accepted and signed as a true record.	
<b>4. Matters Arising/ AOB</b>	Rick Brand thanked all those involved in the Open Churches weekend. Joan Beck gave a report from her recent attendance at the General Synod. Topics addressed included human sexuality and identity, safeguarding, ethical investment and the ethics of nuclear weapons.	
<b>5. RATM Review and Vacancies Elsewhere</b>	Revd. Canon Phil Williams drew attention to the briefing paper and maps relating to the Draft Pastoral Scheme for the Reconfiguring the Retford Area Team Ministry. It was highlighted that this consultation was only the first stage of a statutory process. It is dictated by law who would receive the official documentation. Everyone was thanked for their hard work. There were no questions asked in the meeting. Comments are invited from interested parties by 13 <sup>th</sup> August. There has been a serious enquiry regarding the vacancy in Blyth, Scrooby and Ranskill. If this does not lead to a successful application the post will be advertised in The Church Times in September.	
<b>6. Parish Share</b>	Peter Stanley presented slides (copy attached to these minutes). In 2019 a new formula is proposed giving more emphasis to ministry received and using new Experian data comparing to median (average) income levels. Attendees discussed whether they would vote for the changes. The formula was considered fairer and more transparent. Those who would attend the Diocese Synod were asked to consider the views put forward in these discussions when they voted on July 18 <sup>th</sup> .	

<p><b>7. Good News Slot</b></p> <p><b>7. Good News Slot Continued</b></p>	<p>Revd. Mark Cantrill spoke about Wheatley Junior church which followed a traditional Sunday school format, with children leaving the service for classes. Over 10 children attend with a regular congregation of 45/50. A result of the whole group being intentional about the wider, deeper, younger strategy and one mother encouraging others to go to an all age service.</p> <p>John Chambers introduced the Messy Church at St Swithun's. His brief is attached to the minutes. The involvement of Jacqui Jones, Deanery Schools Missioner, was highlighted and recommended. (Jacqui can be contacted at <a href="mailto:threadsji@gmail.com">threadsji@gmail.com</a> or 07921 387793)</p>	
<p><b>8. REAL Life Discipleship Course</b></p>	<p>A short film introducing the new Diocese course to start in September was screened. The course does not include assignments, aims to connect head and heart and is open to all wishing to gain a deeper faith. This can be seen at the following link, which includes further information and details how to register. <a href="#">REAL Life Questions</a></p>	
<p><b>9. Crossroads Mission</b></p>	<p>The Diocese is to receive a visit from several bishops and their teams to motivate to engagement with mission from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019. (Add the date in your church calendar.) Revd. Luiz Lima is to be the Deanery "catalyst" to encourage and support involvement, whether it be one event or a series over the weekend – or a joint event with other parishes. He is available to visit churches to help "mission focus" those things that existing gathered communities enjoy doing and requested that bookings were made for him to visit to assist in preparations. Revd. Becky Hancock is on the Diocese "Task Force", and together with Kate Banks, will be working to help spread the message of life. Archbishop Sentamu will visit. Meanwhile visit the links: <a href="#">Archbishop of York's Mission 2019</a> and <a href="#">Deanery Crossroads Website</a> Contact Kate for further information.</p>	
<p><b>10. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>The Area Dean has received information regarding the new crematorium at Babworth. Scan of this will be sent out.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p><b>11. Diocese Synod Election Update</b></p>	<p>Each Deanery Synod member will shortly receive voting papers for elections to the Diocese Synod. It is requested that nominations be considered and forms returned swiftly.</p>	<p>All Synod Members</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 Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ye Olde Bell