

The Deanery of Stamford
Uniting in Christ to Serve Christ and to Proclaim Christ

Minutes of the Deanery Synod Standing Committee Meeting
on 18th June 2013 at 9.00am at All Saints Vicarage

Present:

The Very Revd Mark Warrick (Clergy Chairman), Revd Martyn Taylor and Michael Mills (Deanery Secretary).

1. The meeting opened with a welcome and prayer.
2. Apologies for absence: Philip Dale and Revd Carolyn Kennedy.
3. Deanery Standing Committee Meeting of 19 April 2013.
 - a. Adoption of the minutes. It was agreed that the minutes are a true record of the meeting.
 - b. Matters Arising.

The MIF application for Christ Church is still pending. However, this issue needs to be viewed within the wider framework of the partnership between Christ Church and St George's, and also the future of the Operations Manager position. This will be discussed further at a full Deanery Synod meeting.
4. Pastoral Report.
 - a. St Michael's and St Martin's Churches. No vacancy consultation has taken place yet. This is planned for July. In the meantime, the church wardens are sustaining the business of the churches.
 - b. All Saints' Church. It is hoped to have an honorary assistant priest in the near future.
 - c. Deanery. It is also hoped that there will be two curates in 2014 (one at St George's and the other at All Saints').
5. Financial Report.

The report earlier circulated by Philip was noted. The meeting was updated with information about the payment of the share by All Saints' (£15,216 had already been paid and a further sum will be paid soon).

It was agreed that the issue of the shares for 2014 could be noted at the Deanery Synod meeting in July, with a decision to be taken in November.
6. Diocesan Report.
 - a. Consultation for Rural Deans and Lay Chairs on the progress of the implementation panels on July 4th. **Mike and Philip will represent Mark at the meeting.**
 - b. Diocesan Synod meeting on 10th July. No agenda has yet been received for the meeting. It was noted that Len Marshall is still on the Diocesan Synod.
7. Deanery Meeting on 22nd July.
 - a. Location. **Mike would check with Geoff Radley whether the meeting could be held in Uffington as earlier discussed.** If not, then he would check whether George's Place will be available at that time.
 - b. Standing Committee Membership. It was noted that there is need for a replacement for Len Marshall, and also for someone to represent St Michael's and St Martin's Churches. This should be on the agenda for the meeting.

8. AOB.
 - a. Parish Foundation Course and lay ministry training. The meeting was informed that the possible collaboration with the Beltisloe Deanery will now not take place. However, recruiting for the next Foundation Course (to be held in the autumn) is now underway, with some candidates identified already.
 - b. Deanery name. The correspondence with the Archdeacon was noted. The consultation document has been circulated and there will be a vote in November.
 - c. Deanery domain name. It was decided to keep the domain name at a cost of £19.87. **The Treasurer would be asked to pay this amount.**
 - d. **Confirmations will be discussed at the next Chapter meeting.**
 - e. Collaboration between the various Christian outreach and community activities was discussed. It was suggested that Churches Together might want to consider a more comprehensive and integrated approach. **Mike would discuss this informally with Laura Purnell.**

9. Dates for Future Meetings:
 - Deanery Standing Committee (meetings are at 10:00 at All Saints' Vicarage):
 - Tuesday 22nd October, 2013
 - Deanery Synod (meetings are at 19:30):
 - Monday 22nd July, 2013 (at Uffington)
 - Tuesday 19th November, 2013 (at Christ Church)
 - Diocesan Synod:
 - Wednesday, 10th July, 2013
 - Saturday, 28th September, 2013
 - Saturday, 9th November, 2013

10. The meeting closed at 11.00am with the Grace.