

Deanery of Stamford

Minutes of a meeting of the Deanery Synod on 18th April 2016, Casewick Chapel, Uffington, Stamford.

- 1 **Welcome and Prayer.** The Rural Dean opened the meeting with Prayer.
- 2 **Present:**
Clergy: The Very Revd. Mark Warrick, Rev'd Martyn Taylor, Rev'd Lis Ward, Rev'd Aran Beesley, Rev'd Mark Thomson, Rev'd Carolyn Kennedy.

Laity: Messrs/Mesdames: Philip Dale, Anne Batty, Allan Crowson, Catherine Barlow, Elizabeth Noble, Nigel Garwood, Rebecca Goff, Sandra Freeman, Jennifer Gralka, Pat Wright, Carl Fender, Nicola Dunkin, Susan Macey, Elisabeth Ashby, E Wood.

Apologies: Rev'd Nikki Bates, Rev'd Nikki Mann, David Tilson, Geoff Radley, David O'Brien, Paul Darley, Susan Burgoin, Helen Drake, Father Gavin Cooper.
- 3 **Fresh Expressions Presentation** by Rev'd Jonnie Parkin, Diocesan Fresh Expressions enabler.
Jonnie gave an informative power point presentation about Fresh Expressions.
He explained that it is a 'Church that doesn't have to be a Church'. F.E. has been established for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any Church. (they may be 'De-churched', 'unchurched' and will probably 'come with baggage'). The format is not necessarily traditional or even a new service, it is culturally appropriate to the members attending.

The F E Journey
Listening – Loving & Serving – build community – explore discipleship – take shape – do it again.

Two thirds of F E maintain their growth, over half are run by lay people without any formal training.

Jonnie explained that his 'remit' was to champion and resource new ways of being a F.E. Church in the Diocese, to promote the best practices, provide effective support and build strategic partnerships. This can be done by identifying existing F.E and share their stories as well as identifying potential contexts for F.E.
He hoped to build coaching and mentoring networks for practitioners and have support through a BMO.

What he would like from us is to explain what F.E we do and how well is it going. Who is the contact and are they getting the support they need. If we identify a potential F.E group, where could it start and who would lead? Who would mentor?

Lighthouse at St Georges and Uffington Casewick Café were put forward as two potential FE groups.
- 4 **The Minutes of the Meeting** of 18th January 2016 were agreed and signed as correct after the addition of one attendee. There were no matters arising
- 5 **Finance:** There were no questions regarding Philip's previously emailed report. (report attached)
- 6 **Diocesan Synod Report:** This had been previously circulated and there were no questions. (report attached)
- 7 **Bishops Mission Order post:** The Diocese has sent out a letter to all incumbents in 3 other Deaneries advising that a consultation is now in process.
Liz has been to Market Deeping who were warm and interested. Martyn has been to Beltisloe Deanery Synod. If any Parish would wish Martyn to visit, he would be willing to go.
- 8 **General Synod Report:** Carl Fender advised that the 3 day February Synod had had a varied programme including; Legislation to simplify the processes of the Synod, how to fund Ministerial Education, debate on the benefits of administration, group work on evangelism, debate about Parochial Fees, organ donation. The next meeting will be in July and will be mainly 'Shared conversations'
- 9 **Archidiaconal Mission and Pastoral Committee:** Nothing to report
- 10 **Rural Dean's meeting report:** There was nothing to report.
- 11 **AOB:** Mark advised that Catherine was standing down as Deanery Secretary and asked if anyone would consider taking on the role.

Dates for Future Meetings:

Deanery Standing Committee 12.30pm (meetings are at All Saints' Vicarage):

- 21st July 2016

Deanery Synod (meetings are at 19:30):

- 12th September 2016 at Georges Place

Diocesan Synod:

- 13th July 2016