

Deanery of Colchester

Deanery Chapter

Minutes of the Chapter Meeting, John Owen Barn, Thursday 25 June 2015 at 12.30pm.

Present

Giles Allen, David Armstrong, Tony Bushell, John Chandler, Nicholas Davis, Amanda Elmes, Andrew Fordyce, Roger Ennals, Ray Gibbs, John Parker, Geoff Read, Tony Rose, Andy Sachs, Jackie Sams, Ian Scott Thompson, Alan Steele, Ray Gibbs, Richard Tillbrook, Peter Walker, Teresa Wynne.

1. Opening Worship – A word from Johns Gospel Chapter 8:48-59 was brought by Revd John Parker
2. Apologies for Absence were received from Aella Gage, Mark Thompson, Hugh Beavan, David Beales, Brian Kyriacou, Erwin Lammens, Robert Hughes, Hannah Patten, Jeremy Noles and Paul Norrington.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May were approved and signed by Peter Walker.
4. Good News Stories were shared.
5. Area Dean's and other Notices.

Time to Talk 2 – Monday week 6 July – Clergy, PCC members, Canon Jenny Tomlinson and Archdeacon Annette, will be presenting how they see the future of Transforming Ministry and how they see things progressing. Roger Ennals commented that in a sense, this would be a repeat, in a mini way, of Time to Talk 2 with similar topics covered. There is the desire for openness and conversations between people – not solving things but to inspire thinking amongst PCC's.

Diocesan Confirmations 22 Nov 3.30 taking place at the Cathedral. Contact canon Simon Pothem.

Clergy Wellbeing – Ad Clerum – Mon 19 October in the Cathedral.

Pastoral Care Training in the Autumn – aimed at lay people who will be exploring this ministry. Diane Hardy contactable at the Diocesan Office – encourage early application

Sat 9 September – “Being good news in schools”. Clergy, Church Wardens and Readers are encouraged to attend. Becket Keys School in Brentwood. Places limited – book with Martin Wood.

Elections to Diocesan Synod – 4 places were available and only 3 were filled. Tim platt, Theresa Wynne and Paul Norrington are on the synod. Members were encouraged to think of who else to represent the Deanery on Diocesan Synod. Paper work will be coming out soon.

With respect to an assistant Area Dean, this is a Bishop's appointment though there will be consultation over the summer.

Ordinations – Caroline Martin, Hannah Patten and David Armstrong – pray for them and for their families and those training them.

Andy Sachs - Free Family Fun Festival – September 12, also Heritage Weekend – Ride and Stride.

Fordham Holiday Bible Club - 23-24 July- all welcome to use this to support children's work.

Andrew Fordyce raised the possibility of a Deanery Chapter Annual Retreat together at this point in the year. We reported a convivial atmosphere in a retreat he had witnessed with all sorts of churchmanship. The meeting responded with initial positive reactions and passed the idea over to the standing committee.

Hugh Beavan to be held in prayer.

here was no AOB

Next Meeting - Monday 28 September 10am St Albrights, Stanway

John Parker, Chapter Clerk 26.06.15