

READING DEANERY SYNOD

Minutes of the 12th meeting of the 2011 - 2014 Synod. Held at St Nicolas, Earley Thursday 28th November 2013 at 20.00 hours

Present:

Clergy	Lay members	Apologies
The Revd Joy Atkins	Mr Peter Jeal (Chair)	Dr Christopher Mott
The Revd Nicholas Cheeseman	Mr Ayo Akintoye	Mrs Sue Mott
The Revd Margaret Dimmick	Mr Stuart Beck	Mr David Paine
The Revd David Harris	Mrs Anne Bingham	Mrs Marian Pitman
The Revd Dan Heyward	Mr Michael Charles	Mrs Jenny Searle
The Revd Jane Lewis	Mrs Rosemary Cooper	Mr Hugh Simpson
The Revd Vernon Orr	Mr Ken Deane	Mr Peter Shirley-Quirk
The Revd Chris Russell	Mr Robert Dimmick	Mrs Anne Taylor
The Revd Jeremy Tear	Mr Mike Eggleton	Mr Andrew Taylor
	Dr David Fulford	Mrs Sue Varley
	Dr Philip Giddings	Miss Joan Walker
	Mrs Margaret Jeal	Dr Elaine Watts
	Mr Jim Johnson	Mr Bill Watts
	Mr Alfred Kolawole	Mr Nicholas White
	Dr John Ledger	Mr Tony White
	Dr Diana Matthews	Mrs Gillian Wilson
	Mrs Dru Maynard	
	Prof John Missenden	
		Mr Tony Bartlett
		Mr Derek Benham
		Mrs Patricia Brazil
		Mr Mark Burton
		Mr David Cox
		Mrs Mary Ellaby
		Mr Mark Hinckley
		Dr Alison Johnston
		Mrs Sheila Jordan
		Mrs Margaret Lowe
		Dr Sally-Ann McDowell
		Mrs Carole Morgan
		Mr David Potter
		Mrs Janet Potter
		Dr Tony Pretlove
		Mr Les Pullen
		Mr Chris Rimmer
		Mr Shirley-Quirk
		Mrs May Smith
		Mr Kim Slater
		Mr Gordon Summers
		Mrs A Whitaker
		Mr Brian Wynn

Guests

Mrs Carol Charles
Mrs Sheila Eggleton
Eurling D C Walrond
Delia Turner

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Welcome:

Mr Peter Jeal welcomed everyone to the meeting, announcing the appointment of two new Assistant Area Deans, the Revd Neil Warwick who sent apologies for this meeting and the Revd Nicholas Cheeseman.

Opening Prayers:

These were led by the Revd Libby Newman based on prayers from Iona.

Minutes of the last Synod:

Minutes of the Synod held on 23rd September 2013, previously circulated were agreed with the following amendment having been received.

- a) Parish Share 2014: Para 5; Caversham Thameside rectories... to read properties..

Matters Arising, not covered elsewhere in agenda: none

Notices:

- a) **Area Dean** – The Revd Nicholas Cheeseman, announcing that his added responsibilities were of a temporary nature until such time as the new Area Dean was appointed, asked the meeting to note the circulation of a document on 26th November outlining a proposed change to the parish boundaries of St Laurence and St Mary. (also attached to these minutes)
The appointment of the new Area Dean was not anticipated before the summer of 2014.
- b) **Lay Chair** – none .
- c) **Treasurer** – Joan Walker expressed thanks to treasurers who had paid membership/quinquennial fees very promptly with only a few outstanding.
- d) **Secretary** – Joan Walker notified the meeting that the meeting scheduled for 11th November 2014 should have read Tuesday, not Thursday.

General Synod report: Dr Philip Giddings outlined three important discussions which had taken place recently at General Synod. The first concerned Intentional Evangelism, with the first word signalling that we are expected to do something, not just talk about it. So the resolution passed calls upon Dioceses', Deaneries and parishes to have one meeting annually and a part of every regular meeting spent in discussion and sharing initiatives and experiences of making new disciples. The second related to education, the resolution on which requests parishes to strengthen their links with local schools. The third was the new package of proposals relating to Women in the Episcopate. This package, which includes a short measure and canon; a declaration from the House of Bishops and a mandatory dispute resolution procedure, will form the basis for legislation which will be circulated to Dioceses (and possibly Deaneries) for approval prior to presentation to the General Synod for final approval either at its summer or autumn meeting in 2014.

Musical Presentation:

Mr David Duvall led a musical presentation combining information about the Royal School of Church music and how this could assist parishes with a variety of hymns played and sung to different tunes which could enhance the meaning of words and possibly enable the hymns/songs to remain longer in repertory. Synod members were given opportunity to express their views and ask questions.

Mr Peter Jeal gave a vote of thanks to David.

Dates of Next Meetings:

Tuesday 4th February 2014, 19.30 hours for 20.00 hours, at St Matthew, Southcote.

Closing Prayers were led by the Revd Nicholas Cheeseman..

Signed
(chair)

Date