

READING DEANERY SYNOD

Minutes of the 5th 2008 – 2011 Synod. Held at St Nicolas Earley on Tuesday 16th June 2009

09/12 **Attendance**

11 members of the House of Clergy and 28 members of the House of Laity signified their attendance. 5 apologies for absence had been received from the House of Clergy and 5 from the House of Laity.

09/13 **Welcome and Opening Prayers**

Peter Jeal, Lay Chairman, welcomed everyone including those who had brought displays. He stressed that communication between the churches is vital and the launch of the Deanery website would be a means of staying in touch. Canon Brian Shenton led the opening prayers.

Canon Brian Shenton welcomed a new member to Synod – The Rachel Wadey who is Chaplain at Prospect Park Hospital.

Canon Brian Shenton also reported the death of Richard Viney, Churchwarden at Caversham Park. The funeral is due to take place on Friday 19th June at 2.00 in Greyfriars church.

Canon Shenton then led Synod in prayer.

09/14 **Minutes of Pious Meeting**

The Minutes of the 4th 2008 – 2011 Synod held at The Royal Berkshire Hospital on Monday 9th March 2009 have been circulated but are held over until the September¹ meeting.

09/15 **Election of Deanery Synod Secretary**

Daphne Jefferies has moved out of the area as her husband Eric is suffering from ill health. Sue Nallon has indicated that she is willing to take on the role. No nomination papers have been issued so Peter Jeal asked if there was anyone who wished to stand present at Synod. There were no takers and so Sue Nallon was formally appointed.

09/16 **Notices**

a) **Area Dean** – None

b) **Lay Chairman** – Midsummer party to be held at Forbury Gardens on Saturday 20th June

The meeting closed at 20.05 when all were invited to look at the stalls and enjoy a barbeque.

¹ The next Synod is arranged for 18th November at Earley Trinity