

SOUTHEND DEANERY  
MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE  
86 Tyrone Road 11 am Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Minutes

1. Opening prayer  
Present: Jonathan Collis, Linda Barnard, James McCluskey, Christine Ballard. There were apologies from Lynn Barron and Louise Williams.
2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising. The minutes were approved and signed. There were no matters arising that are not covered below. James said the 'sharing' was really worthwhile and good things may come out of it.
3. Constitution of the Standing Committee/Mission and Pastoral Committee. This committee is now properly constituted. Apart from those present and the apologies Marian Peterson and Elsie Moore are lay members, Mike Bliss is Treasurer. Louise Williams was elected on 4 February as assistant secretary and Lynn Barron as secretary.  
Proposals from this committee should not be regarded by synod as 'done deals'. The synod should be prepared to engage with proposals, understand them and discuss them. This will be particularly important at the November synod when Finance figures will be available from the diocese. It will be essential to ensure all parishes are kept informed of the developments in the new 'parish share' arrangements.

NB: The Deanery account is with NatWest. A form has been obtained to change the signatories.

4. Developments with College Chaplaincy  
A proposal for a half time Chaplain has been put to Essex University. A response is awaited.
5. Lent and the Bishop's initiative on prayer in the first week of March. The Bishop of Bradwell visited St Mary's Prittlewell and St Augustine's in that week. He visited St Luke's during the 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent.
6. The first Newsletter has been well received. Comments heard round the deanery suggest synod meeting are viewed more favourably in the streamlined form.
7. A page on the St Augustine's website titled "Deanery Matters" has been set up by Peter Barron (webmaster and CW). To have items posted on this email the request to Peter Barron.
8. MMUs progress was reported by Jonathan:  
Conversations have taken place among churches around the airport, and across deanery boundaries. St Luke's is still in conversation with St Michael's and St Andrew's. The proposal to join St Michael's and St Andrew's under Tom Loh's leadership with an assistant minister is now coming to fruition with the appointment of an associate in hand.  
St Peter's Westcliff and the Bridgewater Drive church are now linked with St Stephen's under the leadership of Colin Baldwin, with David Pierce appointed curate in all three benefices.  
Frank Smith is appointed associate priest at St Mary's North Shoebury, for the period of one year.

Deanery Synod Agenda for 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at St Peter's Westcliff was agreed and appears below.

AOB: Mission and evangelism should be considered at the next meeting of this committee. Bishop John has suggested there could be a weekend event on this in every church. This is not in the tradition of some of our churches who rather favour the 'percolating through' approach which comes from doing what they do as church really well. However, it was noted that some congregations fail to even keep the church clean! Ways and means need to be discussed.

While clergy members of the Deanery are well served in various gatherings there is nothing similar for the laity of the Deanery Synod. The idea of 'Care of the Laity' suggests perhaps there should be. Linda will ask the question "Would people like to have a social event for lay members of Deanery Synod" under AOB on the Synod Agenda. If interest is shown then perhaps some thing like a bring-and- share meal towards the end of the church year could be considered.

David Childs has been licensed as chaplain to Southend Hospital.

9. Closing prayer. The meeting finished at 11.45