

St Augustine's Thorpe Bay



Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020

Report on the activities of the deanery synod

The Southend deanery synod met three times in 2019.

The first meeting was with Canon Tim Elbourne, the diocesan director of education, with a particular emphasis on work in schools. St Augustine's remains the only church in the deanery with an affiliation to a community school (Thorpedene).

The second meeting focused on the church plant, supported by the Church Commissioners, from St Michael's Westcliff into St John's Southend, and the church seeding from St Clement's Leigh on Sea into St Mark's Southend. The hope is that these will revive life at churches which have been experiencing difficulties in recent years.

The final meeting hosted a presentation by a representative of the Church Mission Society on their work, and the possibility of forming links by parish churches with missionary societies.