

East Wivelshire Deanery Synod 28 September 2023

Welcome by Lay Chair, Richard Margetts
Thanks given to Bishop Cornish School and Deputy Head Vicky Oakes
We are at the start of the new Triennium, welcome to new members

Worship led by Revd Annabel King and Garry and Margaret Morris

The Lay Chair gave a definition of a Deanery Synod – see **attachment 1**

The Lay Chair confirmed the current Diocesan Synod reps for East Wivelshire:
House of Clergy: Revd Laura Bushell Hawke, Revd Annabel King and one space
House of Laity: Keith Browne, Robin West

New website address: www.eastwivelshire.org

Present:

Andrew Barrett (Landulph)	Lesley Batham (St Stephens)	Chris Beckett (South Hill)
Revd Di Burrows (PTO)	Revd Laura Bushell Hawke (Rame and Rivers) (minutes)	Jenny Bushrod (Sheviok and Chair of Deanery Implementation Team)
Deb Crocker (Calstock)	Mary Deacon (Calstock)	Eric Distin (Botus)
Paul Gribble (St Germans)	Catherine Grieve (Calstock)	Revd Annabel King (Rame and Rivers)
Richard Laugharne (St Germans)	Richard Margetts (Saltash and Lay Chair)	Christine Mills (St John)
Kirsty Mims (St Mellion with Pillaton)	Garry Morris (Callington)	Margaret Morris (Callington)
Linda Myles (Rame and Rivers)	Revd Jo Northey (Rame and Rivers)	Alan Parsons (Botus)
Mark Rawlings (Maker with Rame)	Lennie Starrs (Callington)	Beverly Troczynska (Torpoint)
John West (St Stephens)	Sarah West (Millbrook)	Mary Wills (St Stephens)
Stephanie Yates (Saltash)		

Apologies – Revd Lynn Parker, Revd Joe Lannon, John Evans, Sue McClaughry, Roy Cooper, Kim Howatt, Barbara Bennett, Sue Turner, Judith Ayers

Approval of minutes of last minutes (18/5/23) – unanimous approval
Matters arising -none raised

House of Laity election:

Chair – Richard Margetts

Proposed: Lynda Myles

Seconded: Jenny Bushrod

Appointment of Officers:

Treasurer – Paul Gribble

Proposed: Jenny Bushrod

Seconded: Richard Laugharne

Secretary – no nominations

Elections to Deanery Standing Committee

All Deanery Officers are Ex-officio

Richard Margetts nominated Jenny Bushrod, Chair of the Deanery Implementation Team

Proposed: Revd Jo Northey

Seconded: Revd Annabel King

Deanery Lay Pastoral Ministers meeting – report was given, **see attachment 2.**

Revd Jo Northey notified Synod that there is Lay Pastoral Ministers training in person in Liskeard in the New Year. Also, in person Safeguarding training in Liskeard in October.

Revd Jo Northey is hoping that in person training for Local Worship Leaders will be in the Deanery after Easter 2024.

Action: All members to inform their parishes of the upcoming training and the date of next LPM meeting which will be at Sheviok on Sat 24 Jan 2024 at 1030am.

Saltash and Tamar Valley Benefice were not notified about the LPM meeting, the Lay Chair asked for contact details to be passed to the Rural Dean.

Finances

Paul Gribble gave an update, recent Deanery Treasurers' meeting welcomed Sophie Eddy from Church House. MMF payments were discussed – Jenny Bushrod informed the meeting that 6 out of 19 parishes will be unable to meet their MMF Call.

New Deanery bank account with Lloyds is now open, this enables the Deanery to receive monies from the Diocese including payment for the Rural Dean and Strategic Lead's job advert.

Deanery Plan update by Jenny Bushrod, Chair of the Deanery Implementation Team – the update is available on the Deanery website www.eastwivelshire.org

Revd Annabel King and Revd Laura Bushell Hawke were thanked for their service on the DIT, both are now stepping down, Revd Jo Northey will replace Revd Annabel to represent the Rame and Rivers Churches and Revd Laura has finished her curacy training so will be moving on.

Thanks were also given to Rebecca Evans and the Transition Reps.

Jenny Bushrod recommended Deanery Synod invite the Pioneer team headed by Lyndsey Morgan Lundie to give a presentation to explain Pioneer Ministry.

Action: Richard Margetts to invite Mrs Morgan Lundie to a meeting in 2024

Alan Parsons (Botus) asked why recruitment took so long, Jenny Bushrod explained how the process worked and that the current vacancies are being filled quickly compared to previous vacancies.

Appointment of new members to the Deanery Implementation Team

Revd Michael Johnson (Rural Dean elect) will become Chair of the DIT in January

Revd Jo Northey

Robin West

Deborah Crocker

Each Oversight Minister as they are appointed

Proposed: Jenny Bushrod

Approved by Deanery Synod with no objections and one abstention.

Date of Next Meeting: 14 December 7pm with mince pies from Margaret Morris, venue to be confirmed.

The Lay Chair closed the meeting in prayer - see ***Attachment 1***

Post Meeting Note: venue for next meeting will be SS Nicholas & Faith, Saltash

Attachment One

At the start of the business section:

From Southwark Diocese:

What is a Deanery Synod?

A Deanery Synod is a body which is representative and deliberative, a body which appoints and elects, which may pass motions to its Diocesan Synod, which may receive actions from Diocesan Synod or General Synod and may provide a forum for its members and others to act. It is meant to be sufficiently representative so as to command confidence and sufficiently skilled as to be competent in its business. A Deanery Synod is therefore part of the national synodical structure.

How is a Deanery Synod Constituted?

Every three years the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of each Parish within the Deanery should elect lay representatives to be members of the Deanery Synod. Each clerk in Holy Orders beneficed or licensed to any Parish in the Deanery is also a member of the Deanery Synod. There is also provision for PTO clergy to be represented – [CRR 2020 Rule 15 \(1\) \(f\)](#).

Lay representatives elected by parishes and BMOs to Deanery Synods, play an important role within a Deanery and at Deanery Synod meetings. **They should be fully committed to work for the mission of the wider Church and so to take strategic decisions to advance the mission and ministry in their Deanery as well as to influence Diocesan mission.**

The members of the Deanery Synod form the electorate for the Diocesan Synod, and the General Synod of the Church of England.

At the end of the meeting:

From Truro Website News Section – July 10

Bishop Hugh ended with:

“Cornwall has long been a holy place in which God has called people and communities. And that isn’t changing either – and I know that because all over Cornwall I see people and churches who have heard God’s call to serve in schools, food banks, toddler groups and debt centres; people who are listening to their communities and telling them that God is real and alive and longing to know them; people who are doing church in ancient ways and new ways. People who have heard God and are walking his way together.

“Even amid change – especially in the midst of change – God remains faithful and good, and his church in Cornwall remains faithful in turn.”

Prayer

Holy and unchanging God,
creator of an ever shifting and changing world.
Bless us with a heavenly curiosity that seeks you and your ways in everything we do,
and grant us your wisdom in these next months,
that we might continue to walk your way in faith and hope and love.
Through Christ we pray. Amen

Attachment Two

Deanery Lay Pastoral Ministers Meeting

On September 6th 2023, 14 LPMs from Rame, Saltash, Sheviock, St Germans and Torpoint, arrived at the CrossLink Centre in Upton Cross, bearing food for our first Bring and Share lunch which was hosted by Linkinhorne Pastoral Team.

We were pleased to welcome Sarah Welply who gave us the latest update from Diocese which included:-

- Details of the latest training modules available which she was willing to conduct face to face if a minimum of six persons requested it.
- A recommendation that all of us should consider some refresher training to keep up with the latest developments.
- at least some pastoral training should be undertaken by any church member administering Home Communion.

If we need help in any situation she, in her role as DLA, can pass us on to the relevant authority. She is there to help us at any time.

There followed a short general discussion on Deanery and the On The Way process.

After a delicious lunch there was general discussion and sharing of the different ways in which teams were reaching out to people in their areas which was very helpful and inspiring.

It was generally agreed that some leadership is needed from our clergy to access possible areas in which we could possibly be helpful. For example :- Funerals and Baptisms. In some areas this is already happening but not in all.

It was felt by some that the role of an LPM is not always understood by the general public and, in some cases by church congregations, but, that this would gradually become apparent as more lay people began to take on leadership roles through the On The Way Process.

The general consensus was that sharing a meal had helped to put faces to names and brought us closer together as a group.

A second lunch will be organised by **Sheviock** Pastoral Team to take place on **Saturday Jan 20th 2024** (to allow those who work during the week to attend). Hopefully this will include Holy Communion and will start at **10.30am**.