



DEANERY NEWSLETTER: MAY 2023

WELCOME BACK REVD CANON LYNN AS INTERIM RURAL DEAN



We are delighted to welcome back Revd Canon Lynn as the interim Rural Dean following Revd Chris' departure to Devon. Lynn has a formidable knowledge of our deanery, having worshipped and undertaken her curacy in the Callington area; served as priest for the past 13 years in Torpoint, Antony and Sheviock, latterly expanding to the St Germans Group Parish - and now resident and worshipping in the Saltash area.

Her focus will be on strategic work within the Deanery, working with Chapter to include the many involved in lay ministry across the Deanery - and of course providing that much needed "go to" for the parishes currently in transition.

It is hoped that Revd Lynn will be commissioned during May and we will send details as soon as we know when and where.

But she is of course already at work and meeting folk which leads to a timely reminder that the next Deanery Synod meeting is on 18th May, where Bishop Hugh is planning to join us. The meeting is open to both current and newly elected members so please ensure that Synod designates are aware of this date.

UPDATE ON DEANERY WORKSTREAMS

Pastoral reorganisation

The advert for the 2 vacant benefices in the South will be published on 12 May. A huge thankyou to all the Transitions Reps who have worked so hard to bring this role profile together. Interviews are booked in for the 28th/29th June. Please pray for a successful outcome for this important process - and agreement on a name!

Ministry, Worship & Discipleship

Revd Lynn is currently meeting with both ordained and lay ministry groups to help galvanise plans, prayers and potential for how we can develop oversight ministry in our Deanery.

Mission and growth

The part time Pioneer Minister role profile is ready for Archdeacon Kelly's scrutiny and will hopefully be advertised shortly. We are now looking at how the Diocesan Plan for Change and Renewal (see Bishops Letter dated 3 May) will support the recruitment of the 3 Schools Chaplains. Melissa Purchall, our first CAP Debt Coach (for the Torpoint area) has been appointed and will be starting her training very soon.

Governance

The advert for the Rural Dean and Strategic Lead will be advertised in the Church Times from 26 May - with interviews booked for 19/20 July. We will be asking Deanery Synod to plan the "visit" day for 19th July to capture the essence - if not the detail - of our parishes.

Finance and estates

All Parishes should have received their MMF allocation letters from Finance and will hopefully have set up their Standing Orders accordingly. There will be a meeting of the Treasurer's Forum shortly after the Returns of Parish Finance deadline.