



SEVERN VALE DEANERY

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th October 2015 at St Mary's, Newent

Present:

Clergy: Canon R Mitchell (Chair), Revds. J Walden, Jaqui Hyde, A Lomas, L Bloom, S Mason, J Longuet-Higgins, S Taylor, I Gobey, P Phillips

Laity: Mrs K Carpenter, Mrs H Cotton, Mr N Hogg, Mrs F Hall, Mr R Ashenden, Mr R Parker, Mrs C May, Miss M Swinley, Mr N Langstone, Mrs M McGhee, Mrs R Clowes, Mr D Sanderson, Mrs B Fellowes, Mrs M Mitchell, Mr H James, Mr C Thomson, Mrs H Witcomb, Mrs R Blandford, Mr C Jakeman, Mrs S Hargreave, Mr P Cotton, Miss F Pearce, Mr C Hill, Mr S Riddick, Mrs H Murphy, Mrs S Padfield, Mrs J Corless

Apologies:

Clergy: Revds: D Gill, C Ingram, C Sterry

Laity: Mrs M Barnes, Mrs R Cottell, Mrs M Richardson, Mr G Davies, Miss E Castle, Mrs J Bates, Dr A Nicol, Mr A Hawker-Bond, Dr N Garbutt, Mrs J Smith, Mr D Wright, Mrs C Hitchins, Mrs F Down

Opening Prayers: Prayers were led by Revd. Simon Mason based on the Song of the Wilderness from Isaiah 35 which he illustrated with slides.

Minutes: of the Meeting 17 June 2015 were approved (p: Mr R Ashenden s: Mr C Hill) and no matters were raised.

Richard welcomed Duncan Munro to the meeting and (later) The Revd. Jacqui Hyde, the new vicar of St John's, Churchdown.

Parish Share Report: Roger Parker distributed copies of current state of parish share income, the existing commitments for 2016 and the future allocations for the next five years.

Treasurers will have also seen these. Roger appealed for any outstanding money committed for this year to be paid as soon as possible and Richard asked that if, for any reason, it could not be paid to let us know.

Treasurer's Report: Hazel said the funds stood at £4116.13 including £2630.78 for the Christian Aid collection which was well short of the £5000 we all committed to raising. Note: Hazel will not be continuing as treasurer in 2016 as she has completed six years so a new treasurer is needed please.

General Synod Election: Those elected were - The Revd Canon Dr Tudor Griffiths, The Revd Canon Richard Mitchell, The Venerable Jackie Searle, Mrs Corinne Aldis, Mr William Belcher, Mr Martin Kingston and Mrs Margaret Sheather.

Diocesan Synod Report: The report of the meeting on 3rd October had been circulated.

Diocese of Gloucester Development Fund: This is a fund set up by +Michael to make good use of the proceeds from the eventual sale of Glenfall House and other existing and expected money. +Michael appointed a group of nine stewards under the chairmanship of +Martyn and with Duncan as part time secretary to manage this fund in order to support grass roots projects across the diocese. It is anticipated that this fund should be in a position to allocated grants totalling £400,000 per year within three years. Duncan illustrated the main aims of the fund under three headings, Spirituality, Growing the Church and Serving the Common Good.

There will be a team of voluntary assessors to look at funding applications and to meet those involved to get the 'feel' of any proposed project. The stewards would want to work in partnership with the projects funded as a resource beyond what might be available locally. This is not restricted to the Anglican church if another group can work under the headings above.

Duncan then asked Simon Mason to describe The Lord's Larder, a project already running in Newent to provide food parcels and help for the disadvantaged in Newent and the surrounding area. Simon illustrated the various stages the project went through in getting set up from initial concept to current operation.

The meeting then broke into groups to discuss one of three topics under the general heading of What use could we make of the development fund? 1) What are the needs and opportunities in our parish/benefice? 2) What holds us back from starting a new project? 3) What help do we need to get our project off the ground?

IMPORTANT NOTE: Deanery representatives were then asked to take these questions back to their parishes with the request that they are discussed at parish/benefice level and provide feedback to the February meeting of Synod. The stewards would love to see two initial proposed projects from each of the nine deaneries. Application guidelines will be available shortly on the diocesan website. The website www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk could also be useful.

A copy of Duncan's PowerPoint presentation will be sent to those receiving the minutes by email with the request that it be redistributed to PCC members and others who might have ideas for suitable projects. More information can be obtained by emailing dmunro@glosdioc.org.uk

Future Dates: Bishop Rachel will be visiting the deanery between 13th and 15th January 2016 and it is hoped to have an informal Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday 13th January to meet her.

The Synod dates for 2016 are: Tuesday 23rd February, Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 13th October. Please note that the first two of these have changed from dates previously notified due to diocesan diary clashes.