

Southern Ryedale Deanery Gathering

22nd May 2019 7.00pm

Deanery Priorities

Church Growth (LYCiG)

Discipleship

Children & Young People

AGENDA

Thy Kingdom Come

- 1. Growing the Kingdom: Gardener's Question Time!**
Group work and plenary discussion

- 2. Deanery Planning: Events calendar, resource days...**
Group work and plenary discussion

- 3. News round up from across the deanery**
 - Deanery business: minutes & matters arising, finance, vacancies and appointments
 - Diocesan business: departure of Archdeacon Sarah Bullock, Bishop's Mission 2020, appointment of New Archbishop
 - What's on across our deanery?

- 4. Date of next meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of Southern Ryedale Deanery Gathering (Synod)

Tues 5th February, Terrington Village Hall

In attendance: Revd Chris Wingfield (CW) in the Chair, Jo Bowden (JB), Rachel Baker, Martin Boothroyd, Revd Andy Bowden, Margaret Clark, R Firby, Jacqui Gunter, M Hall, Delyth Harran, Revd Rachel Hirst, Wendy Holman, Alison Hutchinson, Andy Hutchinson, Caroline Jones, Elaine Jones, Beryl Lowe, Jane Ramsden, Sue Teal, Revd Stephen Walker, David White, Richard Hazlerigg Wharram.

Apologies: Revd Martin Allwood, Trish Atkinson, Barbara Borrett, Revd Glyn Diggins, Maureen Diggins, Sue Galley, Revd Ben Gunter, Revd Joe Kinsella, Revd Hannah Suekarran, Cate Tate-Smith, Charles Ward, Jane Wingrove.

1. **Opening worship** – led by Jo Bowden

Welcome – Revd Chris Wingfield

- CW welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the theme of Thy Kingdom Come
- CW encouraged everyone present to pray throughout the meeting and said that he would happily pause proceedings to enable this.
- CW informed the meeting that sadly Jane Herbert had died over Christmas. Jane had played a full and active role in Upper Helmsley Church of St Peter, in the benefice of Harton and in the deanery. CW invited everyone to pray for her friends and family.
- CW congratulated Revd Margaret Hall on being ordained as Deacon in the Church of England.

2. **Official business**

Deanery

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th October 2018 were signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising – CW reported that:

- the new Generous Giving team would be meeting Chapter and the DLT on Wed 13th Feb.
- Bishop John continued to be poorly and was awaiting further test results. CW invited everyone to continue to pray for him.

Finance - DW/CW

- DW reported that the FWO returns for 2018 had been submitted and all offers had been met. FW offers for 2019 had been made by our deanery although this was not the case across the diocese.
- DW reported that in terms of contribution there were five 'big hitters' in our deanery and of those three had reduced their offer by £17k. The other 2 had increased their offer by £7k so overall our deanery offer had reduced by £10k. This reflected reductions in the collection plate.
- The vast majority of parishes made their payments by standing order which aided diocesan cash flow and forecasting. DW invited members to ask their parishes to follow this practice. SW clarified that while this was considered best practice, it was not a requirement and some parishes preferred to make their payments through other means.
- CW commented that in Harton benefice, parish FW offers were made at the APCM in April, in good time for the October deadline and suggested that all benefices did the same in 2019/20. SW clarified that 2018 had been an unusual year in that benefices had been asked to delay submission until after the stewardship review had taken place over the summer.
- CW reported that at the end of the calendar year the deanery balance was £656.02 and that the budget for 2019 was £456. CW thanked Pauline Durrant for her work on this.

Actions:

DW to find out how many parishes paid by standing order and how many by direct debit

JG to circulate a deanery financial statement

Diocese

Synod report: 5th Nov 2018 – DH reported that:

- The diocese had approved a budget which forecast a spend of 1.5million over income.
- There were 2 key streams of work. One focussed on the 20-40's age-group and would create 13 new posts, one based in Malton. The second focussed on People in Poverty (PinP) and would create hubs and chaplains in areas of greatest need.
- The new Generous Giving Team had been appointed and Carolyn Edwards had been appointed as the new children and youth advisor.
- Further work was being undertaken around governance which may have implications for PCCs.

Matters of significance

- Southern Ryedale Deanery had made front page news in the new deanery publication with the headline of being excited and expectant.
- The Howardian benefice half-time post had yet to be filled. Archdeacon Sarah Bullock had taken out a half page advert in the Church Times to advertise this post and a further three in the diocese, inviting people to come up for 'experience days' to look around the benefices.

20-40's strategy: Malton/New Malton and People in Poverty

- CW reported that interviews had taken place for the Malton 20-40's post.
- AB reported that Chapter/DLT had received a presentation on the PinP initiative which was about raising up local people in poor communities. This led to a useful discussion about how much we know about pockets of deep poverty in rural areas. AB noted that in the Wolds benefice, the church was running a luncheon club combatting poverty and loneliness, which the council had part-funded.

3. Setting God's People Free

- JB introduced the paper about empowering lay people, which had emerged from a national CoE project. JB interviewed Andy Hutchinson to find out more about how he used his gifts as part of his work as a lorry driver. JB encouraged members to take the report to PCCs to consider.
- RH noted that small groups at St Peter's were doing a course called 'Fruitfulness on the Front Line' on this topic which she would be happy to share.

Action: JG to circulate Setting God's People Free paper

4. Deanery plan proposal

- JB reported that the DLT had attended an away day to review last year's plan and existing priorities in the light of progress and the 'bigger picture of the diocese'.
- The emerging proposal was succinctly summarised under the strapline 'A Kingdom Strategy, Resourced collectively, Expressed locally'.
- This would form the basis of a deanery plan for 2019/20 but JB emphasized it was not complete until the deanery had been consulted.

Good Neighbour Audit

- AB reported that as part of the plan, the deanery was asked to include a snapshot of the deanery. AB had devised a two-part survey – a 'Good Neighbour' audit to capture information of individuals in church congregations who were 'good citizens' in their employment, voluntary work or personal life such as Andy Hutchinson. Other examples might include people who help at the foodbank or the

Fridge project. The second strand of the survey was to invite churches to outline the breadth of activities they supported on a weekly basis.

- AB invited members to take the forms back to their benefices and ask individuals and clergy to complete. The audit was to be conducted throughout lent.
- Once compiled, the data would provide a picture of what was happening across the deanery and identify any gaps.

Action: AB to implement audit

Themes

- JG introduced the four key themes which had emerged at the away day and invited members to consider these and answer the following questions. Ideas from group discussions included:

Intelligence hub - what information would help you to flourish as a church community?

- It would be helpful to know how to reach people in need and provide help and comfort. People might include: those who are lonely, in poverty, needing practical help with money management and life skills, terminally ill.
- Individuals in our congregations may already know what was going on through their work, volunteering and personal life – captured by the audit.
- The council could tell us where the key areas were and may also have access to finance
- The audit would give us an idea of what was already being done in our community by churches.

Spiritual growth – how could the deanery help you to re-fuel?

- Deanery quiet days
- Pilgrimage
- Worshipping in other churches (especially those in vacancy)
- Pulpit swap
- Robust theology/speakers/prayer (Bishop James Jones, Margaret Sentamu, New Dean, David Mann)
- Prayer diary (each benefice) – Lectio Divina
- Thy Kingdom Come
- Labyrinth

Communications, information and networking – how can we learn from one another?

- Capture and share what is what is already happening in benefices
- Use publications, noticeboards, internet
- Support parish secular events
- Big push on church events – harvest, Christmas, Easter, Remembrance, Mothering Sunday, Candlemas, baptisms, funerals, weddings
- Empathise – make ourselves available and caring
- Upgrade our welcome

Joint working – how might we collaborate more effectively? Joint projects, shared resources/ people?

- Encourage
- Creatively work together
- Not just Anglican but ecumenical
- Deanery events
- Learning from one another
- IT/websites/facebook
- Music and worship

JB concluded that the DLT would distil these ideas and consider next steps – for example, should we pay someone to make some of these happen?

JB also clarified that the priorities started in 2018 (Children and Young People, Discipleship and LYCIG) would continue to run for a further two years although they might be subsumed into over-arching themes.

5. Closing worship – led by JB

6. **Next Deanery Gathering date**

Wed 22nd May 2019, 7pm for refreshments, 7.15pm start, 9.00pm finish