

Notes

Bishop Adrian presided at communion and led us in reflection and prayer in the light of the General Synod decision earlier in the week. During the service Andy was commissioned as the new Area Dean.

Breakfast was shared

Area Deans Briefing:

- Website
 - 2013 dates and venues emerging
 - Sub deans meeting to consider themes & speakers (outside speakers will only be considered if they come with an internal personal reference)
 - I would welcome skills and time from others in the chapter to help us flourish
- Questionnaire feedback
 - This is attached
 - As a result I will be writing to Clergy and treasurers inviting an annual £60 parish donation to the deanery account, with an extra £30 for each extra stipendiary clergy
 - The 2013 Deanery Residential will be reconsidered in the light of Brian's proposed deanery trip to the Holy Lands*
 - Two of the questions were asking about the treasures that exist and are reported separately.
- Prayer diary -this is now a monthly prayer diary which I would encourage you and synod members to use, and maybe others. Pat is convener of it and is open to changes that would improve its accuracy and also is happy to circulate from time to time prayer needs.

News

1. Are any of you **Bank chaplains** to the hospital? -there are new regulations to be aware off -please let me know if you are.
2. **London runners needed BLMF** - London 10k -a possibility that James and Angus will be our runners next year -well done and thank you both.
3. Michael: **Presence and Engagement Network** EN - he will circulate us all the PEN news. For information Adam has become the local PEN representative.
4. Alex: a good sabbatical and keen to do funerals for **street homeless** after a long involvement with www.ecclesiainistries.org.uk She and Tom will connect and we agreed that we were happy for them to take a lead in this.
5. Brian: **TH Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 5th-12th June 2013***. 8 days rather than 10 starting in Jerusalem and finishing in the North to keep down costs. We will be staying in hotels with a group from the Edmonton Area but will have separate coaches, guides and worship as I tend to do things a bit differently. -please indicate to Brian ASAP if you feel you might like to go.
6. Philippa: reflected on the **General Synod decision** and asked that the church seek to support the 3500 women priests who have been affected by this. Comments were made about constitutional reform and opportunities in our communities to reflect on this. Philippa thanked those who had been praying on Tuesday and said that together we must believe the Spirit is at work in all of this.
7. Alan G: brought to us an update on his **Borough news**, it will be sent out separately. He encouraged us to pray and persevere with the Faith buildings grants programme.
8. Angus: advertised the upcoming Advent events with CTC & St Peter's Bethnal Green
9. We congratulated Adam on his Movember campaign and he advertised a hairdresser in Bethnal Green.
10. [I failed to ask if there was anyone available to cover for Alex for an All Age Service S27 January?](#)