



## Main item

Jan Ainsworth, National Society

### Church schools now and in the future

We had a great presentation. PPT slides available. We were encouraged to put energy & time into our local church schools whilst ensuring a presence in the more strategic Diocesan Board for schools. *Looks like Tracy Miller (wife of Brian Ralph) is keen to represent TH*

## News

**Emergency Planning:** Huge changes to the NHS are taking place and at present it is not clear how this will impact Emergency Planning. A new strategy should be in place from April 2013. *Peter McGeary, Alan Green and Fiona Stewart-Darling are our leaders on this.*

### **TAKING PART: Muslim Participation in Governance - Report Launch**

31 January 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Bishopsgate Institute, London

Muslim political engagement from an academic/policy point of view, research among our local young Muslim men; insights on issues such as Muslim-government relations, integration, equality, participatory democracy, & countering extremism led by Dr Therese O'Toole & Professor Tariq Modood. For more details see <http://www.bris.ac.uk/ethnicity/takingpart.pdf> (650kb).

Registration required at <http://takingpart.eventbrite.co.uk>.

**Syria Feedback** It is hoped to have an evening with Gill Newman and Carol Rider before too long to hear their stories and support Gill's next campaign.

**Electoral Roll renewal** all happy and getting on with it

**CF meetings** all happy enough with this year's plans and timings

**Funeral fees** a reasonable level of disquiet around the changes and the way they have been Communicated, AD to seek from Diocese 'where the idea came from & why' Clergy expenses for general not just travel i.e. come to clergy whatever

**Liturgical Conference** *Michael and Kevin* invited by the Bishop to take the 2 TH places.

**Grants** *Christine* did well with 'Church Welfare' grant making body (3k)

**Council Leases** *Peter* mentioned these are being clumsily renewed -beware

### **2013 Deanery residential**

Holy Lands Trip with Brian, now postponed till next year, he will invite interested people to a meeting with McCabe at St Barnabas, on a Monday evening at 6pm during Lent AD and SD's to consider a one day July retreat day with optional overnight time together.

## People news

**Licensing** Mark Aitken 6pm RFSK Thursday + Ed Dix St Luke's Milwall Sunday 3pm

**Geoffrey white** 7 March will be his last chapter as he moves at the beginning of April

**Sabbaticals** Gordon on one now till Easter, Kevin from 1 March, Brian from 8<sup>th</sup> September

### **Bishop Adrian's key themes at the recent Area Staff residential**

1. Recruiting equipping and serving clergy. -the key one
2. Stepney as Gift not subsidy. Perhaps beyond London
  - a. Church planting
  - b. Internship,
  - c. Urban theology, CTC, and thinking around urban issues
  - d. BAME issues
3. Understanding our changing context. Alan Pigott contextual analysis
4. Importance of spheres of human activity -Sector ministry, SSM
5. Poverty and Injustice

Two cross cutting themes

1. Growth and impact
2. Unity in diversity

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