

## Deanery Chapter 12 June 2013 at St Nic's Aberfeldy

**Present:** Jane, Christine, Alan G, Alan W, Sandra, Michael, Kevin, Rod, Ed, Johnny, Tom, Peter, Andy.

**Later:** Beki, Andrew L, Brian

*Thanks to Jane and the team for communion and breakfast.*



**Guest:** Archdeacon Rachel      **'Just catching up'**

**Common fund** - churches should offer and stand by their offer, pet projects should not come before CF - room for future analysis and discussion around giving levels and teaching, the degree to which parishes are reliant on rental income and the effect of local demographics and changes therein.

It was commented that some clergy have a reputation for not doing funerals and this has an impact on the CofE reputation, local parish income and pastoral care generally -it should therefore be challenged.

**Women bishops** - could we stop talking about women bishops; no one talks about men bishops! - York will discuss 4 options in July but is unlikely to resolve things and find a way forward - the next general synod elections are due in 2015 unless the Queen dissolves synod sooner!!

Is there enough open discussion at all levels to listen and to understand one another? It is when we meet in relationship that we are most likely to recognise Christ in one another?

**Post Woolwich** - Alan updated us on LBTH very positive response to this when faith leaders were together at London Mosque a week after the event - there is concern that the forthcoming trials of the self-appointed vigilantes of last autumn may trigger more EDL activity, so too the August bank holiday.

Could some cross faith leaders meet in neutral places for the cameras?

Can we all make a point of connecting with our local mosques?

**CV 2020** - Bishops have been pleased with lots of good feedback on the process and the launch - 3 great headlines - 10 very useful intentions - but it needs to burn for 7 years.

+Adrian is championing sport and the creative arts

Archdeacon Rachel is championing 100,000 new ambassadors for Jesus

Area Dean Andy is championing 100 new worshipping communities

### People news

**Philippa** has now moved on and St Pauls is in vacancy

**Ric** is on study leave June-August inclusive

### News

**Metal theft** is on the rise -beware

**Unscrupulous media photographers** are also on the prowl - be very aware

**London community credit union** are at CCS Sun 23 June 12-4pm all welcome to call in

**Chapter residential** '27 hours in Ely' 24-25 June -see you there!

**Watch this space:** LBTH CofE schools lunch for Heads and clergy

**Songs of Praise at CCS** 24-25-26 July tickets available for all!

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