

## Deanery Chapter 12 Sept 2013 7pm St Peter Bethnal Green

**Present:** Adam, Alex, Andrew, Andy, Angus, Christine, Debbie, James, Kevin, Michael, Peter, Rick, & Sandra.

**Later:** Fiona, Marcus, +Adrian

*Thanks to Adam and the team for a great BarBQ*



The evening time meeting had been deliberately set for SSM's to attend -in reality a poor SSM turnout! A relaxed welcome back from the summer meeting took place with some good discussions around:

**Sabbatical/Study leave;** Ric had had a good three months; others shared their experiences in response to questions from those who hadn't had one. Generally it is worth noting that the diocese only has a certain number each year to award and it is worth bringing it up in MDR or with the Bishop 18-24 months ahead of when you would like to take one.

**Vacancies: SPOF** are doing really well and have just had their section 12 meeting, adverts will go out in October and Andy Rider will be leading a **prayer walk on Sun 6 Oct** in the parish for chapter clergy and congregation to pray for the right appointment.

**SPBC & SAL** are both next into the process with Duncan and Gordon leaving in October. Parishes are arranging parties, the Bishop is taking folks out to lunch with the archdeacon and area dean who will present a small gift from the deanery.

**Vacancy cover** is the responsibility of the Wardens and Area Dean, it involves an anchor clergy person for continuity and a spread of others to give the parish a breadth of experience. We may be calling on you!

**Deanery mapping:** the church planting group have asked the three deaneries to map themselves imagining ministry and mission in the years ahead. We agreed to do this at the *November meeting* of Chapter when Bishop Adrian is with us. Ric is to seek someone from the Islington deanery to facilitate our time together.

We acknowledged that 4 strands of *strategic work* are under process: QEOP, Wood Wharf, Contextual analysis and the church planting group. there will be a 3-deanery meeting in February to receive the contextual analysis. And the whole strategy process should culminate in the 2014 Area Residential.

### News & People news

**Ric** Welcome back from study leave

**EDL** Well done Alan & THIFF

**Prayers at SPOF** 3pm Sun 6 Oct

**Deanery Dues** - £50 / £25

**We welcomed our special guest, +Adrian**  
and moved outside for the **Licensing of Rev Andrew Latimer.**

**M14 Oct 12noon** St Lukes Milwall (exact venue tbc) - with Andy Brooks -Diocesan House Team

**W6 Nov 8am** St Peter's Barge with Bishop Adrian -just catching up & Deanery mapping

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