

Present *Apologies

Bethnal Green Alan Green* Christine Hall Maxwell Hutchinson* Andy Rider Phil Williams Darren Wolf* Kevin Scully Sr Judith Blackburn Adam Atkinson StJtL – Chris Newman-Day	Bow Group Cris Rogers* Beki Rogers* Debbie Frazer* James Hughesdon Brian Ralph Stuart Lee Bernadette Hegarty	Docklands Ed Dix Poplar Sandra McCalla Jane Hodges Marcus Nodder* Tom Pyke Andrew Latimer Richard Bray	Stepney & Wapping Fr Jones* SGitE Ric Thorpe* Alexandra Lillie Peter McGeary* Trevor Critchlow Chris Morgan	Chaplains + Fiona Stewart-Darling Jenny Petersen* Mark Aitken* Angus Ritchie* The Royal London Nigel Copsey Craig Barber Fiona Green Tasha Critchlow Peter Turner
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Ali Lyon, 13 clergy + 4 interns Nate (Poplar team) Surina (Isle of Dogs) Jordan (St Matthews) attended chapter.

We welcomed Bernadette to her first Chapter meeting.

Good news stories

We began our time together sharing good news from around the parishes, a number of patronal events had happened and some great children and family events around Halloween.

Main item – Parish Vacancy Consultation SGitE

St George in the East is in vacancy, Rev Michael Ainsworth having left recently. The Bishop has wanted to have a consultation report on this parish as it has so many physical assets, a slightly unusual 'Island-like' location and a recent history of comments suggesting it might not be a full time post.

Ali Lyon (who did the StJtL consultation) has been appointed to write a report to the Bishop by mid January based on various interviews and discussions within SGitE and with other key stakeholders, some contextual analysis and some consideration of deanery and area needs. Ali introduced herself and with Andy answered various questions about the parish and the process. We then discussed in groups the St George potential, and how it's future may or may not integrate with our deanery vision.

Our responses were recorded by Ali and included a question as to who would see the final report beyond the Bishop, Archdeacon, Area Dean and PCC.

(This has been raised subsequently with the Bishop who is keen to share more widely and executive summary.)

St Martin Grants

Jane brought us up to speed and encouraged us to send in more claims for St Martins grants to alleviate issues and costs related to housing and homelessness.

Deanery Synod standing committee

A healthy discussion was had around: [1] the role of sub deans and [2] the clergy representation on our deanery synod standing committee. For the last two years our three sub deans have automatically served on the Synod standing committee, along-with the Area Dean matching the number of 4 lay members as required.

The current sub dean role is: [1] working with the AD to shape chapter life [2] working with the AD & synod standing committee to shape synod life [3] being a facilitator within their respective cluster to encourage clergy to meet and to work together.

It was agreed that in 2½ years time the next Area Dean might choose to use more process in appointing sub deans It was agreed that at the February Synod we would meet as house of clergy to decide clergy reps on standing com

Christmas

Area Deans Christmas invite (Th 4 Dec) on it's way – Cluster lunches being encouraged.

Notes: AR – 13.11.2014

Next Deanery Chapter: W28 January 12noon St Ann's Limehouse
 Next Deanery Synod: T24 February 7pm for 7.30pm – RFSK

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