

Present *Apologies

Bethnal Green	Bow Group	Docklands	Stepney & Wapping	Chaplains +
Alan Green	Cris Rogers	Ed Dix	Fr Jones	Fiona Stewart-Darling
Christine Hall	Beki Rogers	Poplar	SGitE	Jenny Petersen
Maxwell Hutchinson*	Debbie Frazer	Sandra McCalla	Ric Thorpe*	Mark Aitken
Andy Rider	James Hughesdon	Jane Hodges	Alexandra Lillie*	Angus Ritchie*
Phil Williams	Brian Ralph	Marcus Nodder	Peter McGeary	The Royal London
Darren Wolf	Stuart Lee	Tom Pyke	Trevor Critchlow	Nigel Copsey
Kevin Scully	Bernadette Hegarty*	Andrew Latimer	Chris Morgan	Craig Barber
Sr Judith Blackburn		Richard Bray		Fiona Green
Adam Atkinson				Tasha Critchlow
Chris Newman-Day				Peter Turner

14 Clergy 1 guests: Rev Jess Swift

Brian gave us a tour of St Margaret's House and an insight into its history and current usage.

Morning prayer was led by the Area Dean

Main item – thinking theologically with Jess Swift

We welcomed Jess among us, newly appointed Dean of Women's ministry for the Stepney Area and she encouraged us that of the three deaneries we are most close to hitting the target for the proportion of ordained ministers that are women.

Theological reflection

Jess introduced us to the 'Happiness Course' put together by Livability and used in the Barnsbury team with significant effect. It is based on three forms of happiness: pleasure, engagement and meaning. It connects most clearly with John 10.10 and explores a variety of factors related to long-term happiness. Just as we were getting into what it means to be human and the incidence of miracles, and to what extent they God can 'rewire us' we ran out of time.

Deanery News

1. **SGitE + CTC licensing** 7.30pm on 6 May at St George-in-the-East
2. Richard Bray raised the issue of Funeral Directors and is planning to write to his local ones
3. Brian Ralph asked about safeguarding issues around circulating prayer lists of the sick, various pieces of wisdom were shared and Brian was encouraged to speak to Sheryl Kent the Diocesan safeguarding officer
4. Alan Green asked for our prayers for the borough as judgment was expected later that day on Mayor Rahmen
5. Alan Green invited us to St John on Bethnal Green for sung evensong with the choir of St Pauls Cathedral on Sunday 23 May
6. Peter Turner shared that Brother Giles is not well
7. Adam Atkinson invited us to engage with him if we would like to take advantage of a visit to St Peters by Riding Lights theatre company
8. James Hughesdon shared that Rev April Keech will shortly be licensed to St Pauls Old Ford in an unpaid assistant capacity

Any changes to Deanery Synod reps + contact details please send to the Area Dean ASAP so as to enable the election of the Lay chair

Looking Ahead

It is hoped that Debbie might talk about her time on the DAC and Kevin his role as a surrogate at the July Meeting Plans are being made for the Tower of London trip and Lunch in November

Notes: AR – 29.1.2015

Coming up

Deanery Chapter: W27 May 10am East London Mosque led by Alan Green

Deanery Synod: Th4 June RFSK: Money & Credit response, Dioc/Gen Synod election briefing
election of Lay chair



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