

Present \*Apologies

<b>Bethnal Green</b> Alan Green* Christine Hall <b>Andy Rider</b> <b>Darren Wolf</b> <b>Kevin Scully</b> <b>Erin Clark</b> Sr Judith Blackburn <b>Adam Atkinson</b> <b>Chris Newman-Day</b>	<b>Bow Group</b> <b>Cris Rogers</b> Beki Rogers <b>Debbie Frazer</b> <b>James Hughesdon</b> April Keech* <b>Brian Ralph</b> Stuart Lee <b>Bernadette Hegarty</b>	<b>Docklands</b> Ed Dix Jane Hodges* St Nicholas Marcus Nodder* Andrew Latimer* Tom Pyke <b>Unesu Chindabata</b> <b>Richard Bray</b>	<b>Stepney &amp; Wapping</b> Fr Jones Bp Robert Ladd <b>Angus Ritchie</b> Richard Springer <b>Phil Williams</b> <b>Alexandra Lillie</b> Peter McGeary Trevor Critchlow	<b>Chaplains +</b> <b>Fiona Stewart-Darling</b> Ella Sharples Mark Aitken* Fiona Green* <b>Peter Turner</b> Ifeanyi Chukuka Tasha Critchlow Nigel Copsey Craig Barber Ven Lyle Dennen
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18 clergy gathered for a breakfast 'Learning Community' Chapter Meeting at St Barnabas Bethnal Green. We were joined by Dave Pilkington (ordinand and QEOP Minister) and Sheona intern IoD. We were further joined by our guest speaker Rev Rod Green of St Peters Harrow

### Welcome

We were delighted at the works that have been carried out at **St Barnabas** and congratulated Brian who shared that numbers were up after moving out for 5 weeks! The church family are not back at St B's.

**Clergy Conference** – has come and gone and chapter were invited to send feedback direct to the Area Dean if they wanted to, and encouraged to do the email feedback asked for by the Area Office.

**Autumn Open Synod** – had been poorly attended especially by clergy – this was disappointing as the LBTH Director of Children Services had been speaking and may draw conclusions about the CofE commitment to local education, Chapter were invited to let the Area Dean know if there were any specific reasons for non attendance. Those who had been present reported on how good it had been.

**Holy Lands Tour** – Brian needs bookings ASAP to make the numbers and costs work – open to spouses and colleagues.

Next Chapter will take place on Thursday 8 Dec at the **Tower of London 10am-2pm** Private Tour and Lunch

### New Clergy

No new clergy but James introduced Dave Pilkington (St Pauls Ordinand and QEOP Minister) to the Chapter.

### Theology of Conversion – Rod Green

Rod Green formerly of Christ Church Spitalfields, St Pauls Shadwell and Sub Dean of our deanery, led a stimulating discussion around the theme of 'A theology of conversion' drawing on source material in the national press in both positive and negative response to the Reform and Renewal agenda.

Some of Rod's quotes: 'The Archbishop has prioritized Evangelism as one of his three priorities' 'Intentionality leads to Growth, lack of intentionality doesn't' 'The only thing we managed to agree on was 'we didn't like bad evangelism' Rowan Williams book 'Be Disciples' says 'we exist to worship Jesus and make disciples, all else is extra –only these two matter' Ian Pauls Blog 'Psephizo' was recommended reading.

The session was lively and participatory, a number of attendees spoke afterwards about how good it had been, how timely and how helpful it would be to continue looking at this subject.

Rod spoke about how (from his experience) we were the only deanery who knew that was brave enough and up for such a conversation and we should be pleased and confident in this regard.

### Deanery News

1. Para Christo operating Canary Wharf/Limehouse – seem a bit 'cultish' a Korean group they attend church services and ask individuals along to Bible studies, the second and third of which become very persuasive.
2. A Chapter residential as well as the Holy Lands Trip was asked for in 2017

Notes: AR – 22.10.16

### Next meetings

**Deanery Chapter:** Th8 December Tour of London with lunch - 2017 Dates Jan & March set

**Deanery Synod:** 2017 no dates or themes set yet... contact Standing Com

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