

Present *Apologies

Bethnal Green Alan Green * Christine Hall * Andy Rider Darren Wolf Kevin Scully * Erin Clark Sr Judith Blackburn Adam Atkinson Tim May Chris Newman-Day *	Bow Group Cris Rogers Beki Rogers Debbie Frazer James Hughesdon April Keech * Brian Ralph Stuart Lee Bernadette Hegarty	Docklands Ed Dix Jane Hodges * Matt Wall * Ben Bell Marcus Nodder * Andrew Latimer * Tom Pyke * Unesu Chindabata Richard Bray	Stepney & Wapping St Peters - Vacant Bp Robert Ladd Angus Ritchie * Richard Springer Phil Williams Peter McGeary * Trevor Critchlow	Chaplains + Fiona Stewart-Darling * Ella Sharples * Mark Aitken * Fiona Green Peter Turner Ifeanyi Chukuka * Tasha Critchlow Nigel Copsey Ven Lyle Dennen
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14 clergy present plus 1 interns: Aimee and one ordinand Alan Moss

Worship and Lunch were provided by Andy Rider who hosted the meeting at Christ Church

Spot Guests

Matthew Endersby **GrowTH**

Debbie, Denise and Rachel **First Love Foundation**

Both introduced themselves, shared testimony and spoke of their mission, they then stayed for lunch and networked the room.

Calling London

Our main guest was **Rev Christopher Ramsey** who had organised **Calling London** the recent clergy summit.

We reflected on our own callings

We discussed some of the hurdles in the current system that may be hampering the progress of those who are discerning a call, it was interesting that the clergy felt able to be very honest about the Diocesan emphasis on increasing numbers, feelings about this included, confused, excited, frustrated and bored. The conversation ranged around the need for BAME candidates and the need for local expressions of discipleship to emerge amongst clergy leaders.

One key issue worth reporting is that there was a very warm response to the idea that 'Locally Ordained Ministers' ordained to operate in a defined geographical area to a specific lead minister could be a creative and confident way to increase numbers relatively quickly, recognising that for some it could prove to be a step along the wider discernment route.

We gave feedback on the summit itself, universally it was felt to be well organised and messaged, there were varying thoughts about the seminar content but the main sessions were generally considered to have been good.

We plan to revisit the issue of raising clergy numbers at our Synod in the Spring of 2018.

Deanery News

Chapter Christmas Party for clergy and partners on

Friday 1 December 8pm

Christ Church Rectory 2 Fournier Street Spitafields

Notes: AR – 6.November.2017

Next meetings

Deanery Chapter: Thursday 2 November 12noon Christ Church Spitafields

Deanery Synod: Mon 16 October RFSK 7 for 7.30pm Guest: The Bishop of Stepney