

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	Jane Hodges	Bp Robert Ladd	Ella Sharples
Andy Rider	Debbie Frazer	Matt Wall	Angus Ritchie	Mark Aitken
Darren Wolf *	James Hughesdon *	Marcus Nodder	Richard Springer *	Fiona Green
Kevin Scully	April Keech *	Andrew Latimer *	Phil Williams	Peter Turner
Erin Clark *	Brian Ralph	Tom Pyke	Peter McGeary *	Ifeanyi Chukuka
Sr Judith Blackburn	Stuart Lee	Unesu Chindabata	Trevor Critchlow	Tasha Critchlow
Adam Atkinson	Bernadette Hegarty *	Richard Bray *		Nigel Copsey
Chris Newman-Day *				Ven Lyle Dennen

10 clergy present plus: 1 Guest: Andy Burns - We welcomed Matt Wall to his first Chapter

Youth Work Strategy

We reviewed the presentation given at the last Chapter by Graham Hunter. There are significant questions over the “Minster” approach ‘it sounds like it is pulling in rather than sending out’ ‘based in one church, it would struggle to cover a variety of traditions’

It was suggested that centralised resources dispersed across the Area would be more useful. Debbie referenced a helpful email resource in Bristol. Those at Chapter felt the strategy should be reviewed.

Extra Half stipends

Andy reminded Chapter that there is: spare half stipends for Tower Hamlets & Hackney and a full stipend for Islington: ideas and suggestions as to how these be allocated should be **sent to Andy by 15 March**. Decisions will be taken by the Area staff team, (could this address the youth ministry challenges?)

Deanery Synod

The next Synod meeting is meeting on Monday, 27 March at St Katharine’s with Archdeacon Luke Miller presenting and Dean David Ison observing as we hold our Deanery **consultation** looking at what we need in **the next Bishop of London**. Andy will send out papers shortly.

Andy reminded the chapter that Deanery Synod reps take place at this year’s annual meetings - he will send out the numbers shortly.

Critical Mass

Andy Burns was with us and presented an update on Capital Mass by walking us through their website which highlighted the resources they have, the clergy hosting scheme (we’ve one clergy in the deanery involved) and the ‘participate page’ where it is possible to identify & connect with other projects. Andy Burns assured Capital Mass outcomes are being measured to check on their quality and said that they are about resources, networking and vetting service providers on behalf of the church in London.

Chapter Residential

28-29 June at Ely with Rod Green

Deanery News

Brian is holding a get together for those going to the Holy Land on 18 March, 12 noon at the Crown Pub.

Adam spoke about the need to encourage our congregations to participate in local elections.

Jane mentioned the Tuesday Night Shelter in Poplar needing volunteers.

Beki shared that Chris’s back and ears are causing major problems for him and asked for our prayers*.

Debbie asked for our prayers with respect to an HLF grant which is currently being applied for.

* It was asked whether there are preventative health checks for clergy in the light of the news of Chris’s and indeed Brian’s back problems.

Notes: AR – 14.February.2017

Next meetings

Deanery Chapter: Thurs 6 April 12noon St James the Less Bethnal Green

Deanery Synod: Mon 27 March RFSK 7 for 7.30pm Consultation on next Bishop of London

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