

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

11 clergy present plus: 3 Guests: Rev John Beauchamp, Natalie Beauchamp & Nelson the dog

Rev Chris Newman-Day welcomed us to St James, led us in Passiontide Prayer for the middle of the day and gave us a great lunch.

Grants for Religious Buildings – Faith Hate crimes

Rev Alan Green explained that under a new initiative that he would shortly be sending round, any religious buildings within 2 miles of a religious building that has been targeted by faith hate crimes, is entitled to a grant for security such as lighting etc.

This probably includes all of us! – look out for Alan’s forthcoming email

The Challenge of Vulnerability

John Beauchamp, vicar of St Stephens Canonbury spoke on this subject and his 23 years experience of ministry in the Church of England as someone with diminishing eyesight.

His personal testimony of discrimination and demeaning treatment leading to him feeling now that he shouldn’t have to ‘keep his head down’ or work 50% harder than others to be accepted.

John posed some very thoughtful questions:

1. Does the Church make people with disability welcome?
2. Is Christianity a faith that is attractive to people with disability?
3. What is normal
4. Do the gospels set up a sense that disability should be healed for wholeness to be known
5. Is vulnerability (an experience we all have) a better way of understanding disability
6. Why does a person’s outward and visible disability define them?
7. And characterise them as less of a person
8. Does accepting our vulnerabilities actually serve God’s purposes & enrich our ministerial gifting
9. Mark 2 suggests sin is in need of healing, physical healing is for the crowds

There was then some discussion around the issues and theology John had raised

General questions around clergy support and their lone working status were also mentioned

Deanery Residential

This is now booked for W28-Th29 June

Info and booking details will be out soon

Rod Green is to be our speaker – and will facilitate conversations around Theology of mission, conversion and transformation of life.

Deanery News

Please pray for those going to the Holy Lands

Next Chapter is a Three-way one with the Diocesan Finance team at Christ Church Spitalfields T23 May

Notes: AR – 6.April.2017

Next meetings

Deanery Chapter: Tues 23 May 10am Christ Church Spitalfields

Deanery Synod: Mon 3 July RFSK 7 for 7.30pm Bar-B-Q with Jim Fitzpatrick MP