

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 Fr Jones 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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8 clergy present plus 2 Ordinands: Luke & Alana

1 Guest joined us: Rev Jess Swift Dean of Womens Ministry

Rev Phil Williams welcomed us to St Pauls, led us in Midday worship and provided us with a good lunch.

Women in Leadership, the absence of women leading church plants

Jess led us in a good discussion around these topics:

1. Of all the London Church plants in the recent period, only one has been led by a woman
2. Often amongst those who lead Church plants, Hubris (unfounded self confidence) is a significant factor in their make up; evidence shows this more naturally occurs in men generally.
3. Entrepreneurs exist in all walks of life and there is usually found a far greater failure rate that church planters expect among church planters.
4. Women account for just under half of those leading start-ups in other fields.
5. Women are most likely to step out and up into 'big roles' if they have a divine sense of call followed by people (often men) around them urging them forwards.

There was a healthy discussion and it was generally agreed that we all need to get better at calling out the best in women and encouraging women into ministry and into bigger opportunities for leadership including church planting. It is about creating a pipeline and a culture, both will take time so we cannot delay starting.

The Field

Is a Young persons week long residential that Christ Newman-Day and his wife run at Lee Abbey. Leaflets and information were shared about this years events: 29/7-5/8 and 5/8-12/8.

Deanery News

Father Jones has now left St Peters.

Notes: AR – 20.July.2017

Next meetings

Deanery Chapter: Wednesday 13 September 12noon St Paul Old Ford

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

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