

Present *Apologies

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| Bethnal Green Alan Green * Christine Hall Andy Rider Darren Wolf * Erin Clark Sr Judith Blackburn Adam Atkinson Tim May * Chris Newman-Day | Bow Group Cris Rogers Beki Rogers St Mary Bow -Vacant 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 Jonathan Beswick * Bp Robert Ladd Richard Springer * Vienna McArthy * Angus Ritchie 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 Nick Hendersen * |
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10 clergy present - worship and breakfast graciously provided by Ed

St Luke's Millwall

Ed gave us a guided tour of the new St Luke's, which was amazing, well equipped and constantly making heads turn on the street at the moment. Ed testified to new challenges having a building now, challenges that many of us take for granted and have stopped questioning.

Bishop of Stepney – what can we say collectively about what we want in a new Bishop

Process: Area Council, 26 Nov // Church Times 7+14 Dec // Written views by 7 January // Area Council 23 Jan

We identified some of the qualities we wanted in a new Bishop:

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| <p>Visionary godly leader in awe of the greatness of God Comfortable with and able to honour all traditions Strategic around planting and new initiatives Experience of growing a parish church Brave, entrepreneurial, apostolic, prophetic Can celebrate the varieties of growth A 'can do' attitude Competent</p> | <p>Gets the peculiarities of London Comfortable in a multi-faith area Able to encourage us in diversity in leadership Happy to ordain women Voice for Stepney Concerned for clergy and own wellbeing Kind, accessible and approachable</p> |
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How are we, and how is the church in Tower Hamlets?

In the summer of 2018 and prompted by Bishop Adrian's decision to put his health first we began to look at our wellbeing and have set aside the January Chapter to look at this more fully. Today we began to look at these two questions aware that the answer to each will often impact the other.

A few clergy shared where they were at, what began to emerge is that our stories hold answers for others. There was evidence that speaking to colleagues, accessing diocesan support, visiting a Spiritual Director all bring hope and help to challenging times.

Deanery News

1. New Prayer Diary will be out soon
2. THIFF event this Thursday at St John on Bethnal Green 7pm
3. Churches should keep a stock of Candles and Memorial Books in case of circumstances

Notes: AR – 14.November.2018

Next meetings

Deanery Synod: 2019 - Confident Compassionate Creative CV2020
Deanery Chapter: Fri 7 Dec 8-11 // M14 Jan St Peters LD, 12-2pm