

NOTES

Present *Apologies

Bethnal Green Alan Green Christine Hall Andy Rider Darren Wolf Vacant 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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*25 clergy present plus +London +Stepney and the Archdeacon of Hackney
Worship and breakfast were graciously provided by Mark Aitken and RFSK*

The Tower Hamlets Deanery Chapter Meeting with Bishop Sarah

Andy led a short presentation on the Deanery, it's situation, mission statement, website & 2014 Strategy.

1. Fiona presented on the Canary Wharf Chaplaincy
2. Ella presented on the Queen Mary Chaplaincy
3. James Hughesdon presented on the St Columba Barge on the QEOP - the interim one is there!
4. Ed presented the latest news on St Lukes Isle of Dogs – the picture clearly showed London's latest architectural landmark 'The Toothpick!'

Bishop Sarah spoke to the chapter on her early thoughts on the Diocese, key comments included:

- Her desire to be always discerning the move of the Spirit
- Her hope that the college of Bishops might know together how best to add value
- Our call to remain rooted in Christ
- Our call to resource each other
- Our call to be relevant to our communities
- Our call to be creative in togetherness

Bishop Sarah invited us to contact her directly on sarah.mullally@london.anglican.org which only she will see.

There followed a Q&A which included issues:

- the need for London to learn from other dioceses
- creating safe spaces to be honest with one another so we might best know the resourcing needs
- encouraging vocations from minority communities & clergy deployment more generally
- being quick to swap learning amongst ourselves
- diocesan resources and how evenly they are spread across the diocese
- a faster discernment process
- SSM priests and worker priests
- where +Sarah hears from God and how this underpins her personal convictions
- the political position of holding the number 1 bishop position
- speaking well of each other & pastoring each other in ministry
- changes in Canon law allowing creative ways to fill Church Warden & Treasurer roles

Lastly in answer to a question +Sarah shared her story of coming to faith and feeling called in ministry.

Deanery News

1. Christian Aid week coming up
2. Tonight's Stepney Reception
3. Kingdom Come St Pauls Cathedral 7.30pm 19 May

Notes: AR – 4.May.2018

Next meetings

Deanery Chapter: Thursday 14 June 12noon St Matthews Bethnal Green

Deanery Synod: Mon 2 July Bar-B-Q at St Luke's Milwall TBC

note the new date