

NOTES

Present *Apologies

Bethnal Green	Bow Group	Docklands	Stepney & Wapping	Chaplains +
Alan Green *	Cris Rogers *	Ed Dix	St Peters - Vacant	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	Ben Bell *	Richard Springer	Fiona Green *
Vacant	April Keech *	Marcus Nodder	Phil Williams *	Peter Turner
Erin Clark	Brian Ralph	Andrew Latimer	Peter McGeary	Ifeanyi Chukuka
Sr Judith Blackburn	Stuart Lee	Tom Pyke *	Trevor Critchlow *	Tasha Critchlow
Adam Atkinson	Bernadette Hegarty	Unesu Chindabata *		Nigel Copsey
Tim May *		Richard Bray *		Ven Lyle Dennen
Chris Newman-Day				

*12 clergy present**Worship and breakfast were graciously provided by Rev Erin Clark***The Tower Hamlets Deanery Catch up**

1. Common Fund Offers need to be submitted by 10 July to allow the Standing Committee time to review them before they go to the Area Finance Group on 23 July.
2. Resource Church Update – the opportunity to bid to be a resource church or to request a revitalisation team has closed but if anyone missed it and want to chat, contact Area Dean.
3. Area Residential 17-18 October – be sure to have this in your diaries.
4. Priestings – We prayed for Ben Bell & Tim May away on their priesting Retreat.
5. Licensing – Rev Jonathan Beswick will be licensed at St Peters Wapping on 1 July at 5pm

Diocesan Synod elections this year

Our current Clergy reps are: Rev April Keech, Rev Judith Blackburn, Rev Richard Bray, Rev Marcus Nodder.

Our current Lay reps are: Philip Rice, Elizabeth Marshall, Lee Humby

We discussed the process for election, some of the business coming towards the Synod in the coming 5 years and the degree to which reps are embedded in the deanery. A few clergy present completed nomination forms.

LDBS Elections this year

Current rep: Rev Trevor Critchlow – keen to stand for re-election.

This year we need to elect a rep for the next period, we discussed the work of the LDBS Board, some possible changes that will take place during the next few years, and our desire to have our rep report back to chapter and Synod on the work of the LDBS. One of those present was keen to find out more about the role.

Increasing BAME Candidates for ordination

Richard Springer led us in a discussion and review of the Deanery and the paucity of BAME clergy amongst us, this was a lively discussion about vocations generally, BAME presence in our churches and the need to redress the situation whereby at the installation of the new Bishop of London the sea of clergy faces is very white in contrast to the cosmopolitan nature of our city and parishes.

Deanery News

1. Rev Brian Ralph is fast approaching the 25th anniversary of his priesting which will be celebrated with a service and a concert.
2. Chris Newman-Day apologised for Wrens lack of engagement with the Chapter discussions! And told of the Lee Abbey Camps he is working on this summer.
3. Ed Dix told us of further delays at St Lukes, and the possibility that our Synod Soiree may move to Christ Church Isle of Dogs.
4. Area Dean encouraged folks to the upcoming Chapters on mission and discipleship – see below.

*Notes: AR – 16.June.2018***Next meetings****Deanery Synod:** Mon 2 July Bar-B-Q at St Luke's Millwall *note the new date***Deanery Chapter:** Tuesday 24 July 2pm St Chads Haggerston 'Mission from different Angles'
Monday 10 September 12-2pm St Anns Limehouse 'Making Disciples'