

Present *Apologies

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 Richard Bray	Stepney & Wapping Jonathan Beswick Bp Robert Ladd Richard Springer Vienna McArthy * Angus Ritchie Phil Williams Peter McGeary Trevor Critchlow	Chaplains + Retired Fiona Stewart-Darling Barbara Hume Ella Sharples Mark Aitken * Fiona Green Peter Turner Ifeanyi Chukuka Tasha Critchlow Nigel Copsey Ven Lyle Dennen Nick Hendersen *
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19 clergy present - worship and lunch by the fire graciously provided by Fr Jonathan and the St Peters Team

St Peter London Docks

Rev J Beswick said a little about his first 6 months at St Peters and how much he has enjoyed landing in Wapping and working alongside Bp Robert and the clergy of the Deanery.

Clergy Wellbeing in Tower Hamlets

The Area Dean led a session considering 'Clergy Well-being' which included some reflection on our personal patterns of spirituality and questions around the issues that most adversely affect us in ministry.

- Our discussion touched on: our ability to get lost in wonder love and praise, our vulnerability to falling in love with the wrong person or with bad habits, the pressure of our personal roles in families, our ability to take time off properly and the question of how we take time for friends beyond the immediate family and church family.
- From the data collected on the day it would seem that the biggest areas of adverse impact on our well-being are: [1] Volume of work [2] Issues around Church Growth [3] Church Buildings [4] expectations of others in church.

The Area Dean & Sub deans will meet in due course to consider how to take forward the subject of our wellbeing. The Area Dean will feed the discussion into the plans for our 2019 Chapter Residential.

Deanery News

1. Rev Barbara Hume the newly appointed Retail Chaplain to the Canary Wharf Chaplaincy team was welcomed to Chapter
2. Mothers Union in Stepney – new Vice President being licensed this coming Sunday, MU is not presently active in any of the churches represented at the meeting.
3. New Deanery Prayer Diary out and available on our Deanery Website
4. Archdeacons Visitations – some concern was expressed around the Archdeacons request to meet with the PCC and Wardens without the Incumbent present, some parishes had refused and others had found it a positive experience. The AD clarified that the purpose in such a discussion is to be supportive of the clergy and not to check up on them.
5. Heart Edge Network – is a network of churches being resourced out of St Martin in the Fields and a number of those present were aware of this, St Pauls Old Ford are quite involved with the network and the Area Dean will circulate more information in due course. – He is keen to encourage membership of networks for the support they offer.
6. Pilates Tutor Rev Brian Ralph is now qualified and licensed and will be setting up free Pilates courses for deanery clergy soon, at RFSK and SPS
7. New Bishop of Stepney – it is hoped the appointee will be licensed this summer.

Notes: AR – 14.January.2019

Next meetings

Deanery Synod: Mon 4 Feb Three way Synod with +Sarah Hope Church St Davids
Deanery Chapter: Wed 6 March QMU 8.30 - subject to change

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