

NOTES

St Pauls Shadwell

Present *Apologies

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| Bethnal Green Alan Green * Christine Hall Andy Rider Darren Wolf * Erin Clark Sr Judith Blackburn Heather Atkinson Chris Newman-Day | Bow Group Cris Rogers * Beki Rogers Tim May James Hughesdon * Dave Pilkington April Keech * Brian Ralph Stuart Lee * Bernadette Hegarty * | Docklands Ed Dix * Jane Hodges * Matt Wall * Marcus Nodder Tom Pyke * Richard Bray | Stepney & Wapping Jonathan Beswick * Bp Robert Ladd Richard Springer Vienna McArthy Allana Harris Josh Harris Angus Ritchie Phil Williams Mark Bishop Peter McGeary * Trevor Critchlow | Chaplains + Retired Fiona Stewart-Darling Barbara Hume * Ella Sharples * Peter Turner Tasha Critchlow Nigel Copsey Ven Lyle Dennen Nick Hendersen |
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17 clergy were present – we were joined by Kaitlin (ordinand) Shamara & Lori (Discernees) all from SGitE
Phil gave us a great welcome with pastries and coffee before leading us in Morning Prayer and worship

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Phil shared some headlines about life and ministry at SPS, he particularly enthused about their work with Roman Catholics both here and in Austria where they have recently supported a church plant.

Bishop Robert – ‘Personal Spirituality in Ordained Ministry’

Then spoke about prayer, silence, being in the presence of God and ministering out of that place of being and knowing ourselves, I have sought to catch a few of his nuggets below:

- Prayer is something we can barely speak of it is such a personal journey
- Michael Ramsey, I barely pray even for one minute a day but it often takes me 2 hours to get to that place
- Look at the Lords Prayer – Prayer is primarily about God and only then about us
- Our challenge as clergy is twofold:
 1. We are supposed to be good at this
 2. We are in it for the long haul
- +Robert: My mother taught me and my 3 sisters to pray, God has graciously put many others into my path along the way to help me shape and grow in prayer, but I have barely travelled any distance at all
- We need to start by knowing ourselves if we are to know Jesus in us (Stanley Spencer self portrait)
- Ramsey: We need to be with God for the people and then with the people for God
- There is a contradiction – we only truly see the light in times of darkness •I have not met God in the still small voice, I never get there, we should not wait till we do but rather we should seek his presence in the midst of the turmoil of parish life (Chocolate in microwave – sine waves!) •Don't try and pray when it's right but carve time when its wrong, when we are most busy, troubled and often at our best!!
- Adeacon of York (in fiction) 'we each have a flaw that will destroy us if we relax our vigilance'
- Preaching not born of silence is a waste of time... we first need to keep silence to hear God's word
- Ques about fasting – God has made us Biomedically to respond to hunger, fasting is good for prayer, I pray best on an empty stomach just like running!
- Ques about Muslims – we share with them Abrahamic Faith but they understand faith through doing, whilst we understand faith through believing.
- Ques about life's seasons: I am grateful for the people God has put in my life along the way – *you simply know when you are in the presence of someone who has been in the presence of God!* We know when we find that minute of true prayer don't we?

Deanery News

1. Healing school with Lyn Button at ST Lukes 21-23 November – all welcome.
2. Area /Deanery Strategy Consultation Jan-March 2020

Notes: AR 13 Nov. 2019

Next meetings

Deanery Xmas Party: Friday 6 December 2019 8pm CCS Rectory
Deanery Chapter & Synod Dates for 2020 on the website