

## NOTES

Present \*Apologies

<b>Bethnal Green</b> Alan Green * <b>Christine Hall</b> <b>Andy Rider</b> <b>Darren Wolf</b> <b>Erin Clark</b> Sr Judith Blackburn Heather Atkinson* Adam Atkinson <b>Tim May</b> <b>Chris Newman-Day</b>	<b>Bow Group</b> Cris Rogers * Beki Rogers * St Mary Bow -Vacant <b>James Hughesdon</b> April Keech <b>Brian Ralph</b> Stuart Lee * <b>Bernadette Hegarty</b>	<b>Docklands</b> <b>Ed Dix</b> Jane Hodges <b>Matt Wall</b> <b>Ben Bell</b> Marcus Nodder <b>Tom Pyke</b> <b>Richard Bray</b>	<b>Stepney &amp; Wapping</b> <b>Jonathan Beswick</b> Bp Robert Ladd Richard Springer * Vienna McArthy Angus Ritchie <b>Phil Williams</b> Peter McGeary Trevor Critchlow	<b>Chaplains + Retired</b> Fiona Stewart-Darling * Barbara Hume * Ella Sharples Mark Aitken * Fiona Green <b>Peter Turner</b> Tasha Critchlow Nigel Copsey Ven Lyle Dennen Nick Hendersen
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17 clergy present – 1 Intern; Nathaniel and 1 ordinand: Dave who led us in worship and provided great hospitality  
We congratulated Tim on his appointment to St Marys

**St Columba**

2014 - Deanery 'Big Idea' a full time clergy presence on QEOP

2017 - David Pilkington appointed as Ordinand on placement in QEOP attached to St Pauls Old Ford working with James Hughesdon and Sue Makin at St Mary of Eton

2018 - An interim barge is floated in and moored up outside Here East

2019 - The purpose built barge is due this summer with table seating for 48 people and a high visibility factor

Dave is leading daily prayers on the boat and has begun a Thursday evening supper & worship gathering.

**Growing Churches in Tower Hamlets together**

Darren Wolf (Christ Church Spitalfields) works two days a week with the Islington Team on Church Growth with Bishop Ric. He introduced us to two key principles around Church growth:

- the S curve of organisational growth and
- the theory around Dunbar's numbers.

Theories that work for churches of all sizes, we did some work in pairs and in the larger group discussing how these applied to our churches, and finished by considering how we might possibly help one another to grow churches right across the deanery.

A few comments captured...

- Growth is a subset of life, London is teeming with life so growth must be just around the corner
- Going forwards with Diocesan funding we must aim to keep that which grows churches: 'more priests less parishes' maybe something we need to embrace

There were a few requests to return to the same theme in July.

**Deanery News**

1. Bishop Joanne in Stepney – Consecration 3 July - Welcome and start date: late September.
2. Diocesan Listening exercise – do get your responses in, a number already have
3. St Mary's Foodbank - is keen to plant new Foodbanks,
4. Raines – please contact Chris and Trevor for info or to express concern to LDBS / significant concern noted
5. Common Fund Evening feedback – Good having the two together / concern regards Diocesan finances!
6. Deanery Governors: are to represent the church and should therefore be active members of it.
7. RFSK: Mark is retiring at the end of August – the Chapter want to celebrate his time here and say goodbye.

Notes: AR – 29.May.2019

**Next meetings**

Deanery Synod: Summer BBQ : Th4 July 7.30pm Spitalfields Rectory  
'Creative' : with guests

Deanery Chapter: M8 July - St Paul's Bow Common - Lunch 12noon-2pm

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