

Present *Apologies

Bethnal Green	Bow Group	Docklands	Stepney & Wapping	Chaplains + Retired
Alan Green	Cris Rogers	Ed Dix	Jonathan Beswick	Roger Preece *
Christine Hall	Beki Rogers * ^{long term}	Jane Hodges	Bp Robert Ladd	Fiona Stewart-Darling *
Andy Rider	Tim May	Matt Wall *	Richard Springer	Barbara Hume *
Darren Wolf	James Hughesdon	Marcus Nodder	Vienna McArthy	Ella Sharples *
Erin Clark	Dave Pilkington	Tom Pyke	Allana Harris *	Peter Turner
Sr Judith Blackburn	April Keech *	Richard Bray *	Josh Harris *	Tasha Critchlow
Heather Atkinson	Brian Ralph		Angus Ritchie *	Nigel Copsey
Chris Newman-Day	Stuart Lee *		Phil Williams	Ven Lyle Dennen
	Bernadette Hegarty *		Mark Bishop *	Nick Hendersen
			Peter McGeary	
			Trevor Critchlow	

20 clergy were present – We were joined by Bishop Joanne.

CCS led Morning prayer, shared news of GrowTH & the current Alpha course, and provided egg & bacon brioche.

The Diocesan / Area and Deanery Strategy Consultation

Andy introduced the emerging 2030 strategy at Diocesan, Area and Deanery level –

- Acts 2.42-44 is the starting place discerned by the Bishops.
- 4 Themes are: Confident Disciples, Creative Growth, Compassionate Communities & Connected Youth.

We broke into 4 groups to look at the 4 questions below: (feedback included)

a. *As a deanery, in these areas, what do we do well already and what do we do less well?*

- Deanery Chapter is good and we think well of each other.
- Parishes are locally prophetic – how do we do this better as an Area?
- Rubbish young engagement
- Our differences regarding discipleship need deeper reflection.
- How do CofE schools work and what makes them distinctive from regular schools?

b. *In our deanery, how could we grow in each area of the London strategic plan?*

Growth, discipleship, young people, compassion ministry.

- Clergy can enable or block growth, how can we enable clergy to best unlock growth?
- Could someone walk the parish alongside the Clergy with fresh missional eyes?
- Annual Returns don't count all the things we do
- Some great resources around (Discipleship) but we need to share more and keep barriers down
- What would sacramental youth work look like?
- We are not growing because of finances, banking and building responsibilities

c. *What are we willing to give up to do this?*

- Give up a mindset, i.e. CofE does everything or Parish has to do everything.
- Could we give up buildings or posts?
- Planting is costly - we need to measure differently.
- New systems needed for legal staff, buildings and safeguarding.
- Ops stuff
- 'Metric-success' - our current 'measures' are not compatible with collaborative growth.
- Parishes, e.g. boundaries?
- All parishes trying to do all things
- London flux – ones and twos moving out of London and seeds being planted

d. *What support or resources do we need from outside?*

- Understanding internal strengths
- Seems easier to fund new projects rather than on-going projects
- Sustainable streams / not always starting new
- Operational Support and IT solutions distract us from Vision.
- We've lost confidence in some Central Systems
- What do we expect from the Archdeacon's office? We need a really well-functioning Archdeacon's Office
- Understanding of map of resources
- God

It was agreed at the AD's suggestion that the Deanery Strategy Group should comprise:

Andy (AD), Sub Deans: Brian, Jane & Phil, James (on Area Strategy group) & Richard (Resource Ch)

Deanery News

1. Andy is moving on at the end of April from Christ Church – Party on 24 April, Last Sunday services 26 April.
2. +Joanne urged us to be attentive to the PCR2 letter and forms that need to be filled.

We prayed for Bishop Joanne

Bishop Joanne prayed for us and we closed with the Grace.

Notes: AR 4.March.2020

Next meetings

Deanery Synod 12 March with Bishop Joanne St Luke's Millwall – Deanery Strategy
Deanery Chapter W1 April All Hallows Bow – Digital Communications with Giles Fouhy

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