

Present *Apologies

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

21 clergy were present.

The Area Dean led Prayer during the day.

We celebrated that Fran's knee operation had gone well and she was off painkillers, and that Richard's throat operation had gone well, we prayed for him with his upcoming radiotherapy.

Life under Lockdown (in breakout rooms)

The Area Dean demonstrated that when chairing a Zoom meeting, it is always best to have someone else do the technical hosting, and for that person to have practised beforehand!

We all considered three questions that had been circulated the night before:

1. How am I doing personally and as a minister in this weird season?
2. What one thing would I like to learn/know/master regarding doing Church un-embodied?
3. What would I like others to pray, for me?

We stood alongside those of us who are home-schooling our kids, Ed suggested the Area Dean teach a session! We specifically prayed for clergy with young families at the end of the meeting.

Update from the Borough and the Health service

Alan Green updated us on lots that is being done by the Borough and a number of statistics (some of which had been circulated beforehand). Our borough is doing a very good job and yet with age adjustment for the population it is facing one of the toughest challenges numerically of any borough in London.

The Area Dean will write to the Mayor to thank and encourage him.

Please contact Alan direct to follow up on his information sharing or ask questions.

Doing Church when we can't meet in an embodied way

There was a general invitation to members of the deanery to shout if they want to learn new online skills as between us there is a wide spread of knowledge.

One person immediately asked for help with mastering the quality of music over zoom

What might a Church Exit Strategy look like?

The Bishops announcement of the day before was being digested and questions were asked about how this would play forwards. Phil Williams agreed to discuss this with the Bishop and Archdeacon and come back to us with more information.

Subsequent to the meeting there were updates from Phil and we shall convene w/c 11 May to plan.

It was agreed to continue Catch-up chapter meetings at 4pm on Tuesdays.

Ed prayed for us and we went on our way.

Notes: AR 7 May 2020

Next meetings

Deanery Synod on hold

Deanery Chapter W3 June 9am on Zoom