

Present *Apologies

Bethnal Green	Bow Group	Docklands	Stepney & Wapping	Chaplains + Retired
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	Alana 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 McGearry	
			Trevor Critchlow	

23 clergy were present.

We were joined during the meeting by Martin Hornbuckle (Stepney Finance Advisor) and Bishop Joanne

The Area Dean led Prayer during the day.

Martin Hornbuckle 'Money Matters'

Martin gave a short presentation regarding the diocesan finances at the current time and the good news that across the diocese income had not as yet fallen to the extent that had been feared. He reminded us that common fund is largely about ensuring that clergy get paid and housed so please do encourage your churches to keep paying where they can and to go to Martin early rather than late if they face difficulties.

Some questions were asked about the level of central diocesan spending, and a cheer was given for Martins clear and helpful engagement with the parishes.

In short: Do encourage your PCC to meet (provision has been made for online PCC meetings)

Do consider very carefully rental income and speak to the diocese as you do.

Do encourage automated personal giving as parishes whose income is based on giving are seeing less of an income drop off.

A question was raised about ongoing parsonage works as distinct from ingoing parsonage works and Andy will pick this up with Will Hagger the new Diocesan Head of Residential Property.

Please liaise with Virginia Featherston at the diocese if you have any rental agreements with third parties on a license or lease under faculty – before you get too far agreeing rent holidays or deferrals.

Bishop Joanne 'Catching up'

Bishop Joanne cheered on the clergy, identified with those doing Home Schooling and generally encouraged us all to keep going in the light of the present challenges, assuring us of the Bishops concerted endeavours to support clergy, protect church families and yet move forwards towards the new normal at the right speed.

A number of questions were then asked about:

Church Music Copywrite for online services (PRS), Weddings (lots!), Clergy in schools, caring for and not marginalising vulnerable people on opening up, Diocesan/Area/Deanery comms overlaps and complications.

+Joanne assured us that those issues that need elevating to the Diocesan will be and that the frustrations regarding weddings are felt amongst the Bishops and understood.

Chapter Tea meetings: 40 minutes at 4pm on Thursdays continue next week.

Andy prayed for the Bishop and we shared in the Grace.

Notes: AR 3 June 2020

Next meetings

Deanery Synod TBA before School Holidays.

Deanery Chapter W15 July – currently 12noon at the Barge QEOP