

## NOTES

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	Alana Harris *	Fiona Stewart-Darling *
Heather Atkinson	Dave Pilkington	Tracy Brown	Josh Harris *	Barbara Hume
Chris Newman-Day*	April Keech*	Richard Bray *	Angus Ritchie *	Nigel Copsey
Erin Clark*	Billy O'Reilly	Marcus Nodder *	Phil Williams	<b>Peter Turner</b>
Sr Judith Blackburn	Bernadette Hegarty	Callum Elwood	Mark Bishop	Ven Lyle Dennen
	Brian Ralph		Peter McGeary *	Nick Hendersen
	Stuart Lee *long term		Trevor Critchlow	

18 Clergy were present.

Tim May and his team (Becky Green Administrator & Chantelle Johnson Intern) made us very welcome.

### Prayer during the day

Was led by Andy the outgoing Area Dean, with a thought for Holy Cross Day based on 1 Cor 1.18-25 and leading to the two key questions in the ordination service: - to which everyone responded accordingly

“Will you lead Christ’s people in proclaiming his glorious gospel,  
so that the good news of salvation may be heard in every place?” **WE WILL**

Will you then, in the strength of the Holy Spirit,  
continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace? **I WILL**

### The Handover moment

Andy reminisced the number of new incumbents during his time as AD, the array of curates, wardens, ordinands and interns, the new church in Millwall and the final arrival of the Barge first mentioned in Andy’s first months as Area Dean.

He presented to Jane Hodges the Tower Hamlets Area Dean Badge with the words:

Receive this badge with pride and a servant heart

Wear it with joy and seek his grace to keep smiling

Wear it in the knowledge that all we do is for the greater glory of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit  
and that from Him his gifts of grace & peace & power flow freely.

### Lunch

Bow Bells Pizza with beers, cider, fizz & crisps, yoghurt and chocolate biscuits was enjoyed socially distanced in the church and garden in groups of no more than 6.

### The New Area Dean

Jane spoke at the end of lunch as our new Area Dean and shared:

- I am very much looking forward to being Area Dean and I know that Andy is a hard act to follow.
- I am trying to meet up with all my deanery colleagues so I can understand their particular context and the joys and challenges of their ministry.
- We are in very uncertain times and the role of the church is more important than ever. We have something unique to offer.
- In these uncertain times it is all the more important that we work together for our mutual flourishing. How can we best support each other?
- The importance of continuing to pray for each other.
- In a borough like Tower Hamlets, with a great deal of poverty and inequality, we must never forget those on the margins.
- I will work closely with the sub deans and borough dean.
- Let’s pray especially for Dave, Josh and Alana as they are made priests this month and Callum and Tracey as they become deacons this month.

Notes: AR 15 September 2020

### Next meetings

Deanery Synod: September Online Soiree 29 September 7pm – 7.30pm.

Deanery Chapter: October Chapter on Zoom 15 October 4pm