

## Launde Deanery Minster Community Deanery Synod

**Wednesday 25th October 2023 : Illston Village Hall . 19.30 - 21.00 hrs**

**Present :** Revd. Canon Jonathan Dowman (JD) , Revd. Jayne Lewis (JL) (Area Deans) , Revd David Palmer (DP) Madeleine Wang(MW) Lay Chair, Shayne Ardron (Diocesan) and 21 Synod Representatives and friends of Launde Deanery

**Apologies:** Jeff Hopewell. Shane James, Wendy Lewis, Wendy Rhodes, Ann Aldridge, Sue Sills, Liz Saunders, Chris Webb, Wendy Edmond.

The Synod opened with an act of worship

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
<b>1. Business</b>		
<b>1.1</b> Deanery Administrator	Wendy Lewis has been appointed .Due to a previous commitment before her appointment she was unable to attend this evening. She is employed for 9 hrs a week Tuesday 4 hrs. Thursday 4 hrs. Friday 1 hr The Diocese is currently covering the full cost of her employment and will be lending her a desktop PC until the Deanery can source a laptop for her use. JL explained that notes from the previous Synod are available on the Launde Deanery Minster Community Website. There were no matters arising.	
<b>1.2.</b> Previous minutes	JD had been asked if joint <b>insurance</b> could be available for all parishes in the Deanery.	
<b>1.3.</b> Written questions and answers	He explained that this is only possible if there is a legal connection between the parishes e.g. a joint council. This would be something for PCCs to discuss. There was general discussion about the cost of insurance and whether there were cheaper alternatives to Ecclesiastical <b>Electricity supplies</b> Caution was advised about the amount of electricity used by the installation of a smart meter and the need to check variable rates <b>Website</b> A question was asked about the possibility of the web site giving notification of Sunday Services throughout the Deanery / Minster Community. MW explained this is proving problematic due to the irregular frequency of many services. Work is in progress. Parishes are to be encouraged to update the notifications on their ACNY site	MT to provide details of insurers used by Horninghold PCC **  All.Updating of ACNY information

<b>2.1. Treasurer's Report and Published Reports</b>	Thanks were expressed to Sarah Longhill for her work as Deanery Treasurer. In the interim Wendy Lewis has agreed to take on this work. MW stated that a report of the last Diocesan Synod will be circulated when the minutes of it have been received	MW Circulation of Diocesan Synod report
<b>2.2. Growing in Faith Report</b>	JD reported on i) his work in the 4 church schools ii) a hospitality initiative involving families iii) family services in Tur Langton and Hallaton	
<b>3. Church Descriptors</b> <b>3.1.</b> <b>3.2.</b>  <b>3.3.1.</b>  <b>3.3.2</b>	JD gave an analysis of the returns from 10 parishes. Group discussion took place about sharing our future vocation. Following this it was recognised that some parishes are already meeting and working together The significance of the zoom congregation was emphasised. Proposal for the Deanery Minster Community to form several informal groups of parishes and/ or Benefices who will work collectively together.* This proposal was passed with one against. Proposal for the Deanery Minster Community to form several informal groups with different foci/interests to work collectively together. * This proposal was passed with 1 abstention, no votes against. * details in paper previously circulated.	
<b>4. Deanery Service 29 October. Licensing of Revd. David Palmer</b>	Notification of service given and a welcome to DP expressed , with assurance of our prayers for him.	
<b>5. DMC Expenses</b>	JD outlined the principles behind the previously circulated paper. The proposal to adopt a common approach to shared Deanery and Minster Community Expenses was passed with no votes against and five abstentions. After discussion and clarification of the expenses covered by the Generous Giving / Parish Contributions it was agreed that this proposal should come back to Synod on 15 February 2024 with further details.	JD/JL to provide further details
<b>6. Deanery Correspondence</b>	Noted that PCC treasurers had received a letter from the diocese	
<b>7. Date of next meeting</b>	Thursday 15 February 2024 Venue tbc	
<b>8. Closing Prayers</b>	The Synod ended at 21.01 with Prayer and the Grace. JL thanked everyone for attending	

**\*\* Post meeting note.** Horninghold PCC uses **Trinitas** for insurance. We have found they provide better cover at a lower cost than Ecclesiastical