

## Deanery of the Isle of Wight

### DEANERY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 held at St Mark's church, Wootton

**Present: David Isaac (Chair), The Revs Allie Kerr, Marcus Bagg and Hugh Wright, Canon Graham Morris, Lay Chair Graham Salter, Hilary Spurgeon, Peter Blake, David Bennison. Sally Rivlin (minutes)**

1. **Welcome**, with a short prayer.
2. **Apologies** received from: Rev Amanda Collinson and Sarah McCarthy Fry
- 3 **Minutes** of the meeting held 31 October 2016 were **agreed**.
4. **Minutes** of the meeting held 15 December 2016 were received and **agreed**.
5. **Mission & Pastoral issues**

**Appointment of The Revd Allie Kerr as Area Dean/Mission Development Adviser (MDA)** was formally announced in parishes on Sunday 8 January 2017 and the licensing will take place at the deanery synod on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. The role is constructed as one third Area Dean, one third MDA and one third interim minister at St John's, Newport

The Minster and St John's will formally detach at a later date in 2017 and at that stage Allie will resign from Whippingham and E Cowes, moving to a house in Newport (currently being sought).

#### **Strategic Mission bid for the Isle of Wight**

The Archdeacon's draft bid was circulated for comment. The Council proposed that the paper takes a step back in tone to ensure that all parishes are on board from day one. This will support the bid being soundly and appropriately rooted. There is a need to articulate further what we mean by pioneer ministry, to whom it is accountable and how it will affect the IOW plan and cluster working. Good news should be included and we need to prayerfully consider what we want to set out to achieve.

AK **agreed** to re-draft in time for the Synod on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Council members were invited to send any particular comments to DTI and these will be noted and worked into the paper.

#### **Updates:**

##### **St John's, Newport.**

Meetings with St John's, Newport have taken place to clarify current developments.

**Minster.** The Bishop will be meeting with Kevin Arkell to discuss a draft Constitution for the Council

The Bishop is scheduled to conduct a Lent Course for the Island at the Minster and also to be at the Minster for the Holy Week Triduum.

DB informed Council that Phase 5 of the Minster restoration has begun with the back section of pews removed. It was noted that the Minster has registered as a charity.

**West Wight.** Interviews set for 20/21 Feb with one applicant.

**Sandown Bay.** The three vacancies are due to be advertised shortly. The intention is that the role of Team Rector not be identified at this stage but emerge later from those appointed. The interview date currently set in April when the Archdeacon will have returned.

**Brading and Yaverland.** Churchwardens will be consulted about the possibility of The Revs Kath Abbott and Barry Downer being commissioned as local ministers. Both have already given considerable help to the parishes and will have regular supervision with the Area Dean.

6. **Finance** – updates from Sarah Mc Carthy Fry were sent to members electronically.

HS was most concerned that 13 parishes are now worse off than before and challenge is needed. Parishes need to wake up and realise their responsibility. SR has been asked to get VFM meetings in the diary before Easter with the Dean (cathedral) chairing in the absence of the Archdeacon.

Peter Blake informed the meeting that his figures for the 2016 deanery accounts indicate a shortfall of £609, which may be due to the return of unrequired precept to East Wight parishes. This needs further investigation which Mary Strange and SR will assist with.

PB also asked if all parishes have received notification of the adjusted parish share. SR to ask VJ.

The Deanery account was presented by PB with approximately £2,000 balance. Succeeding years have been very similar so the estimates have proved accurate. No increase in precept for 2018 is likely but would Council like to reduce it? To be considered by the Finance Sub Committee.

7. **Deanery Synod.** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at The Minster at 1815

Draft agenda supplied and commented upon. Allie will preach and the Bishop will preside at the Eucharist and license both the new Area Dean and KA as Marriage Surrogate. GS as lay Chair and the Revd Corinne Smith have been invited to read the lessons.

The emphasis of the meeting has been enlarged from a thanksgiving for stewardship Responses to an update on Mission Development, reflected in current programmes across the deanery.

HW asked if he could have 2 minutes to update on the successful completion of the prayer and spirituality course 'The Way'. DTI asked him to prepare a flier for circulation.

The major item will be the Strategic Funding paper.

The meeting will include information relating to the next Triennium and the need to re-elect representatives at this year's APCMs in April. The first meeting of the new Synod will be 16 May 2017. DTI suggested we invite Bob White to attend as Chair of the House of Clergy as he is an expert on Church Representation law.

**Future Dates of meetings:**

Deanery Council: 2 May 2017

Deanery Synod: 16 May 2017

Visitation: Weds 24 May 2017

Marcus closed the meeting in prayer after DTI had thanked Wootton for their hospitality and Graham Salter had thanked DTI for his wise leadership of the IOW during his time in office.