

**Deanery Synod: St Martin's Church, Kirkby**

Date: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Time: 7:30pm

**Members Present:**

**Guest:** Dan Rogers from the Joshua Centre

**St. Chad's Kirkby:** Jean Williams & Kim Patterson

**St Mary's Prescott:** Geoff Almond, Sue Priestly, Ann Capewell and Rev. John Taylor

**St Bart's:** Kate Wharton, **Sue Hopper**, David Barker, Stacey Armstrong, Norman Hulse

**St. Andrews Kirkby:** Anne Lawlor

**St. Gabriel's:** Canon M Rogers, Linda Bryan, Rebecca Richardson Jonty Forster,

**Kirkby Team** Andrew Wilson

**St Michael's, Huyton**

**St George's, Huyton:** Rev. Jayne Vandenberg, Jeff Adedoyin & Marie Cain

**St Martin's, South Dene:** Ann Collinson and Andrew Wilson

**St Mary's Knowsley**

**St Luke's:** Gordon Sutcliffe and Anne Suttcliffe

**St Jude's**

**St. Nicholas, Whiston:** Claire Bracken and Anita Shaw

**Apologies:**

**St Nicholas' Whiston** Andrew Telfer

**St Mary's Prescott** Kim Mannings

**St Bart's** Tim Coates

**St Gabriel's** Jonty Forster

**St. Andrews Kirkby** D. Ridgeway, J. Ridgeway from

**Kirkby Team** Jeremy Fagan, Ann Lawler & Ann Collison

**St Mary's Knowsley** Hugh Lea-Wilson, Stan Edwards, Cheryl Cooke

**St Jude's** Irene Hunt & John Crawford

## 1. Opening worship

## 2. Welcome by Area Dean: Canon Malcolm Rogers

Malcolm promoted the C of E Portal.org- anyone can register, and you can find out a lot of information including a searchable directory (for example retired clergy), communications templates & more.

## 3. Jayne Vandenberg: Tell, Serve, and Give– Bishops in Mission, 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Jayne from St George's Huyton is the lead, and gave some information about this Diocese initiative to work together over the 4 days, showing in our calendars what we are doing during this week in our own churches, and also anything we can do collectively.

Jayne announced that the Bishop of Lancaster Rt Revd Jill Duff and her team have been allocated to the deanery for the mission which was great news. Jayne advised that the meetings had been going well, and there was representation from all churches in the Huyton Deanery.

We completed an activity in our church groups to look at events in our own churches where we could invite guests from outside our church community. Who will you invite? What will be involved? Do you need funding? What role with the Bishop and her team have during your event? How do we share our faith with new people in our community?

Ideas included:

Heritage Days

Lunch clubs, Community Shops & Café's- Anything with food always go down well

Mother & Toddler groups/Craft clubs/ Messy Church, activities for families

Celebrating mile stones such as 150<sup>th</sup> & 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary's in the Church with celebrations

## 4. Grant presentation/ Deanery Election by Rev John Taylor on behalf of St. Bart's

Kate Wharton had put an Application to DMG to have 2 monitor Screens in front of the pillars within St Bartholomew's church to help will all parts of church life and also benefiting the wider community. The primary focus is to help with Sunday Worship, so everyone will have the opportunity to see the screens. Presently if the church is busy, no one can see the screens from the side aisles as the pillars are in the way, restricting views to the existing front screen. Therefore, this is hindering engagement within Sunday services at 11am and 6.30pm, and especially when there are Baptism, Confirmation and funeral services.

The screens could help with ALPHA that is currently running at this venue, with people from St Gabriel's attending, and it encourages new people to enter the church family, and would be open to all in the Deanery who would wish to attend.

Also the uniform clubs use the church 2 Sunday's a month, and toddler groups could use them too. The space and technology could help anyone in the Deanery who needed the space for presentations, such as Deanery Synod.

There has been a desire for this for a number of years now, but quotes keep going out of date then applications start again. Previously there had been 1 objection, but this time round the notice period has been served, and no one has objected this time around. All PCC members and members of the congregation have had time to object, therefore all for this in the congregation.

Present quote totals, and applying for the full amount from the DMG: £7193.74 (Inc. Vat)

Kate mentioned they would need a smaller monitor for the front too, which has presently not been included in the quote above.

**John advised from the funds we would look to allocate £7500 for the screen for the aisles which would be 90% of the costs. St Barts to fund 10% themselves totalling £750**

**Everyone agreed the proposal**

**\*This application is without prejudice, as a one off, and we'd have to look at individual DMG Applications to approve anything similar moving forward.**

#### **5. Diocesan Synod Election notices –**

##### *House of clergy*

Revd Jeremy Fagan, Canon Malcolm Rogers, Rev Kate Wharton, Revd Jayne Vandenburg

##### *House of Laity*

Canon Geoff Almond, Mr Jeff Adedoyin, Mr David Barker, Marie ?

6. Rebecca Richardson talked about the relaunch of the Deanery Youth group from 28/10/18 for ages 6 years +, therefore to advertise in our own churches and for our usual church children to invite friends too.

#### **7. Changes to the Deanery Synod & more – some initial information and ideas**

Deanery share will take over Parish Share beginning January 2020.

Whilst a challenge in terms of creating and implementing a fair financial formula for share across the deanery, this is also an opportunity to enable synod to become more strategic with an emphasis on training and development. Malcolm introduced ideas like: Moving from 3 to 2 Deanery Synods in the future... possibly to be held on a Sunday afternoon so after the services. A new Lay Dean, Pastoral Dean, Mission Leadership team etc

Mal mentioned possibly getting together in February 2019 over breakfast, to discuss all the proposals and changes in greater detail. Synod agreed to fund this event from the DMGF

8. **Dan Rogers – from the Joshua Centre**, talked to us about the work he & the team does, encouraging new congregations. If we want to do this in our own churches, he can help and support and help with facilitating people in their mission.

Presently there are 14 congregations in the diocese involved in the work of the Joshua Centre, they are hoping to have 30 involved by 2022

A discussion followed including

A way to help people to become Disciples, and what they do now:

- Weekly Prayer meetings
- Monthly Coaching
- Training- 4-5 times per year, a meal & teaching
- Annual retreat

This could possibly link in after Alpha?

Questions: Why would I want to start a new congregation?

Church planting is the single best way to encourage new people into the faith- known as Evangelistic Methodology.

Try something new... more information on the Website.

Please take a look [www.joshuacentre.org.uk](http://www.joshuacentre.org.uk)

The Area Dean thanked Dan for his presentation and all for their attendance and contributions.

Synod closed with prayer.

