

Newcastle East Deanery Synod
Tuesday 12th March 2019
at St Mary Magdalene's, Longbenton

Present: Clergy: Jonathan Cooper, Pat Craighead, Helen Gill, Stephen Herbert, Robert Lawrance, Martin Lee, Neal Terry

Laity : Louisa Fox, Jenny Germain, Matthew King, Trevor Lennox, Pearl Scott, Jenny Trotter

In Attendance:- Steve Forster

The meeting opened in prayer.

The meeting was chaired by Matthew King

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2.	Apologies: Rae Caro, Rob Fox, Jonathan Lawson, Sheila Dove, Les Hodson, Marion Pennie , Johanna Smith, Helen Lunn, Avril Taylor, Jennifer Brown, Arthur Barnes, Phil Medley	
3.	Minutes of the Last Meeting The minutes for the meeting on the 22 nd Nov 18 were agreed as a correct record.	
4.	Matters Arising Neal Terry drew Synod's attention to the work of Dr Beate Muller. She has done a research project entitled "Children under the Nazi's" looking at the experiences of children on all sides. This work is available to be displayed in Churches. More details are available from the following link http://teaching.ncl.ac.uk/childrenunderthenazis/ Detached Youth Work led by Dave Johnson. People from different denominations are interested and have attended training. It is hoped to do more work when the weather improves. There will be further dates for interested people. The detached Youth Work in Byker continues.	
5.	Finance Update The deanery contributed 93.16% of what had been committed last year. New figures have been circulated to incumbents and treasurers. 6 out of 10 Churches have started monthly payments.	
6	Deanery Development Update Bringing hope, growing communities. Feedback from Ian Flintoff regarding our previous work is still awaited. The Deanery Development Group has not met since the last synod. The benefice of Christ Church, Walker has been suspended. Consultation will take place regarding the relationship of Christ Church and MINE. 3 retired clergy, John Sadler and Robert Lawrence are producing a paper focussed on hope.	
7	Warm Hubs – Speaker Steve Forster Looking at the challenge of how we use our buildings. Together Newcastle Together Newcastle was created by Newcastle Diocese and the Church Urban Fund following Faith in the City. It was part of 3 pilots with the intention of tackling poverty. From this suggested that an Assets based approach worked best Start Conversations →Identify Assets →Make Connections →Grow a Stronger Community This is long term not a quick fix. Works on the basis that everyone has gifts, relationships build a community, citizens at the centre, people care about something, listening conversations, ask ask ask	

	<p>Assets could include individuals, associations, institutions, physical assets, connections. We should appreciate our assets rather than thinking about what we don't have.</p> <p>www.together-newcastle.org</p> <p>What's happening in your patch – toddler groups, soup lunches, community groups, hall for hire, ecofest, youth groups, fairs, clothing bank collections, foodbank, people's kitchen, greenspaces, debt advice, youth work, care homes, messy Church, animal foodbanks</p> <p>Warm Hubs/Places of Welcome Warm Hubs started in Northumberland. Places of Welcome is similar but is not part of the Warm Hubs brand.</p> <p>Places of Welcome – opening up spaces in Church halls for light refreshments – same time each week, free for users Place, People, Presence, Provision, Participation Seed money is available Money is available for training in e.g. food hygiene, safeguarding, first aid Suggested that people should volunteer for a period of time rather than open ended. Start small. More information www.placesofwelcome.org</p> <p>Tyne Wear Citizens Alliance gathering faith and nonfaith to bring about change on a bigger scale 4 key areas Mental Health Hate Real Living Change – being able to carry over the free school meals allowance if you don't spend your full allowance in a week. There will be a Tyne Wear Citizens Assembly on Tues 30th Apr Tyne Theatre which will provide the opportunity to question the candidates for the North Tyne Authority Mayor.</p> <p>We should look at what is possible not what's wrong. Share Dreams Have conversations Be intrigued and think of creative solutions.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Steve Forster.</p>	
8	Any Other Business - None	
9	<p>Future Dates for Synod – please note the June Date has been changed Thursday 30th May – Ascension Day Eucharist at 7.30pm at St Martin's, Byker Thursday 20th June – Synod Meeting 7.30pm – 9pm Tuesday 10th Sept – Synod Meeting 7.30pm – 9pm Thursday 21st Nov – Synod Meeting 7.30pm – 9pm</p>	