

Newcastle East Deanery Synod
Thursday 21st November 2019
at St Anthony's Church Hall

Present: Clergy: Robert Lawrance, Rae Caro, Jon Cooper, Jonathan Lawson, Pat Craighead

Laity : Louisa Fox, Sheila Dove, Eddy Long, Shane Waddle, Jacqui Gilchrist, Steve Ward, Robin Long, Jenny Germain, Jenny Trotter, Les Hodson, Jennifer Brown, Arthur Barnes, Matthew King, Alan Douglas

The meeting opened in prayer.

	Apologies: Margaret Legge, Elizabeth Screen, Trevor Lomax, Marion Pennie, Rob Fox, Pearl Scott	Action
	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Rae Caro opened the meeting in prayer. Robert Lawrance welcomed everybody and briefly outlined the changes to the MINE group of parishes. A representative from St Michael's expressed concerns that they had had changes imposed on them without consultation. It was felt that the Clergy and the Churchwardens had been consulted but not the congregation. It was stressed that due process had been followed and that everything had been agreed by the MINE council and the Diocese. Representatives from St Silas said they had been fully consulted.</p>	
1.	<p>Parish Share for 2020</p> <p>The Budget Consultation Document had been circulated prior to the meeting. A further document has been produced reflecting concerns raised by the consultation.</p> <p>After discussion the Deanery Synod agreed that they would try to pay the 2% increase in line with option 2 although concerns were expressed as to whether it would be possible.</p>	
2.	<p>Parish Giving Scheme feedback and evaluation of our experience</p> <p>The Parish Giving Scheme uses Direct Debit rather than Standing Order. People who use it are invited to increase their giving annually. The Gift Aid comes back every month. It makes the role of the Treasurer easier as it reduces the administrative burden. In order to use it the PCC has to join the scheme. Churches who are using it have found it a positive experience.</p>	
3.	<p>News of appointment of Generous Giving Officers</p> <p>Joanne Christie and Andrew Tinkler have been appointed as Generous Giving Officers. The posts have been funded by Ecclesiastical Insurance as a gift to the Diocese. Joanne and Andrew would be happy to talk to parishes and Deanery Synod Meetings.</p> <p>Contact Details Andrew a.tinkler@newcastle.anglican.org Joanne j.christie@newcastle.anglican.org</p>	
4.	<p>Contactless Giving</p> <p>As a Deanery we have received two contactless giving devices which are yet to be allocated. St Gabriel's already have their own contactless giving device and they are finding it useful but it is still early days.</p> <p>a.tinkler@newcastle.anglican.org and j.christie@newcastle.anglican.org</p>	
5.	<p>Parish Share Consultation</p> <p>A report from Robin Brims, Chair of the Parish Share Review Group had been circulated prior to the meeting. This report reflected the first round of consultation which is looking at how the Deaneries allocate the share to the</p>	

	<p>Parishes. Currently each Deanery carries this task out in different ways. The first consultation was about listening to what is happening at the moment. The second round of consultations will take place in December and will look at exploring options.</p>	
6.	<p>Appointment of Deanery Finance Officer and Thanks to Les Hodson Les Hodson was thanked for the work he has done as Deanery Finance Officer over the last 20 years. He was given a voucher and a card. Thanks were also given to Matthew King for the work he has done as acting DFO. A role description had been distributed with the Agenda and Synod was asked to think about who might take the job on.</p>	
7.	<p>Parish news Christ Church are having an afternoon event with the Darling Dollies and an Afternoon Tea St Mary Magdalene are having an accessible toilet built and are having a Film Show and Christmas Fair St Gabriel's are having a Winter Wonderland St Bartholomew's are having a Christmas Fair St Silas are having a Christmas Fair The MINE churches are having Beer and Carols at the High Main The War Memorial at Jesmond Park Academy has been rededicated. Pat Craighead said that St Mary's Parish does not have a War Memorial as the estate is post war. Knitted and crocheted poppies had been put on the tree outside Church around armistice day and this was providing a focus for the community.</p>	
8	<p>Dates of meetings in 2020 Monday 2nd March <i>Thursday 21st May Ascension Day Eucharist</i> Tuesday 16th June Wednesday 9th September Thursday 12th November</p> <p>Possible Subjects: Resource Church; Food Poverty; Communication – Social Media; Finance; Interfaith; Citizens UK (Mental Health, Personal Safety, Poverty); Inclusive Church; Pastoral Principles.</p>	
	<p>The meeting ended with an Act of Worship led by Rae Caro which was based on Night Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book.</p>	