

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT FOR THE APCM - MARCH 24TH 2017

There have been two major discussion points in the 3 meetings this year. The first concerns the initiative "Who Cares" and the second developments in the Deanery Plan. There was also a meeting with the Alton Deanery where we shared in a talk by the Dean of Winchester Cathedral. Further details below.

Who Cares.

Initiated in Norfolk in 2011 members of the community were asked "What hurts the most?" Responses, 400 of them, were then analysed and used as a basis for community involvement with the needy. The concept has now spread and "Who Cares" Hampshire is taking it forward in our Diocese. It was decided that it would be best to delay any discussion about implementing "Who Cares" in the Parish of Ropley until Clare is settled in as our Priest in Charge.

Deanery Plan

It is clear that our current Deanery Plan requires significant amendment. Accordingly it has been decided that the Deanery Mission and Planning Committee will be reinstated with similar Terms of Reference as previously but, as now approved by the Deanery Synod, Benefice representation will be reduced from 2 to 1.

The Archdeacons will be meeting at an additional Synod meeting on the 4th May at Old Alresford to discuss their aMAPs. Following this meeting it will be possible to draw together a fact sheet summarising the current position in the Deanery and Diocese to be presented together with the existing Deanery plan as a basis for the start of discussions.

Meeting with the Alton Deanery

The Alton Deanery committee joined the Alresford Deanery for the meeting on 22nd February. The two committees were together for a talk by Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester Cathedral who described her progress from ordination to taking such an important position. A fascinating journey. After the presentation the two Deanery Committees held their meetings separately. More joint meetings may be held in the future.

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