

# **DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS**

## **BRUTON & CARY DEANERY SYNOD (2020-2023)**

### **Annual Report for 2020**

#### **Background**

Bruton & Cary Deanery is one of nineteen deaneries in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. The Deanery Synod is regulated by the 1969 Synodical Government Measure which sets out five functions:

- to consider matters concerning the Church of England and other matters of religious or public interest;
- to bring together the views of the parishes of the Deaneries, to discuss and formulate common policies, to foster a sense of community and interdependence among those parishes, and generally to promote in the Deaneries the whole mission of the Church;
- to make known and put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod;
- to consider the business of the Diocesan Synod and to sound parochial opinion;
- to raise matters with the Diocesan Synod.

The Deanery Synod operates within the framework of a constitution and standing orders adopted by the Diocesan Synod in 1989. At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, the Deanery comprised 11 benefices, 42 parishes, a population of approximately 28,000, a church electoral roll of around 1,900 and 824 “Regular Worshippers” (down from 834 the previous year). The Parish Share for the Deanery was £454,254 in 2020 of which 96.94% (less discounts) had been paid by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

#### **Membership and Officers**

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 following elections during the year, the New Deanery Synod comprised 49 members. 39 were members of the House of Laity, mostly lay representatives elected by the 42 parishes in the Deanery, though some parishes had not sent in the results of their election. 10 were members of the House of Clergy, mostly beneficed or licensed parochial clergy. All are members for the 2020-2023 three-year period. 9 Readers are regularly invited to attend meetings.

The following have been officers of the Deanery Synod during the year:

Area Dean	The Reverend Liz Mortimer (resigned Jan 2020) The Reverend Kevin Rogers (appointed February 2020)
Assistant Area Dean:	The Reverend Tristram Rae Smith (appointed February 2020)
Lay Dean:	Dr Rob Sage
Deputy Lay Dean:	Ms Jay Greene
Secretary:	Mr Jeremy Pratt
Treasurer:	Mrs Rosemary Rymer

## **Committees**

The Deanery Synod's Standing Committee initiates and advises on proposals; ensures that members are adequately informed on questions raised and other matters of importance to the Deanery; prepares the agenda; transacts the business of the Synod between meetings; and makes such appointments and does such other things as the Synod may delegate to it.

The Standing Committee also acts as the Bruton & Cary Pastoral Committee - which advises the Diocesan and Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committees regarding the pastoral organisation of the Deanery - with the understanding that it will invite representatives of the parishes concerned to attend its meetings when considering such matters.

## **The Deanery Ministry Fund**

In 1994 the Bruton and Cary Deaneries Ministry Fund was established by the then separate Deaneries of Bruton and Cary to offer financial support to lay people in the Deaneries seeking Christian Education, with priority being given to those in, or seeking training for authorised lay ministry. In 2015 with the two deaneries now one, it was agreed that the Ministry Fund should come under the direction of Deanery Synod with its funds becoming a restricted fund in the Deanery accounts, and the Fund being administered by the Deanery Standing Committee. No grants were requested from the Ministry Fund in 2020.

## **The Deanery Mission Plan and the Schools Chaplain**

As part of the Diocesan Strategy to put mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do, each Deanery was asked to produce a Deanery Mission Plan in 2017. In Bruton and Cary the Plan was presented as a 2-fold leaflet, which was printed and copies were distributed to each parish for their consideration, and hopeful integration into their parish vision. A supporting leaflet outlined what the Deanery intended to undertake as part of the Plan.

This included converting the House for Duty post in the Camelot Parishes that was no longer required into an allowance to help pay for a chaplain to work in our three state secondary schools for three days a week. A grant of the remaining funds in the Linx Project provided the additional money needed for the first two years of this project, but has not yet been needed. A chaplain was appointed in 2018 and had a very positive impact on the schools involved, but then left for another post in 2019. A second chaplain was appointed in October 2019, and has been much appreciated by the schools, despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic.

## **Review of the Year**

### **Synod Meetings**

The Synod met once in March 2020 in North Barrow Village Hall. The Speaker was Gary Watson, the Diocesan giving and Funding Adviser. There were also reports on the Deanery Ministry Fund; the Synod Accounts were approved, and the Deanery Subscription for the year was set to continue at £10 per eligible deanery representative.

Due to the Covid restrictions no Ascension Day Deanery Eucharist was held this year, and the remaining Synod meetings were cancelled. This meant that the new Synod elected at the 2020 APCMs did not meet in 2020.

## **Deanery & Clergy Changes**

The Revd Helen Drever was appointed as Vicar of the Alham Vale Benefice and was instituted on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. In addition the Revd Alison Way was appointed as Rector of Wincanton and Pen Selwood was instituted on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020. The Revd Katharine Hawksley was appointed to the Cam Vale Benefice and was licensed as Priest-in-Charge via Zoom on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2020. Katherine will be installed as Rector of Cam Vale when large services can once more be held. The Revd Jonathan Evans will be licensed to Bruton, Brewham, Pitcombe and Shepton Montague on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2021.

The Revd Liz Mortimer resigned on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 as Area Dean and also as Priest-in-Charge of Castle Cary and Ansford on her appointment as Vicar of Frome Christ Church and St Mary's. The Revd Elizabeth Isted has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Castle Cary and Ansford and will be licensed on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021. Following discussions with the Bishop, the Revd Kevin Rogers was appointed Area Dean and the Revd Tristram Rae Smith as Assistant Area Dean and both were commissioned on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## **Deanery Accounts**

**The General Fund.** Subscriptions came to the total of £630 (Total due £700) (a few parishes did not pay due to financial difficulties), and a refund on the costs for the retired clergy lunch from the Diocese. The only other income was a small amount of interest on the CBF Deposit Account.

Due to little activity being possible during the year, the only expenditure was for a copy of the church representation rules. The General Fund showed a surplus of £797 compared to a smaller surplus of £292 the previous year. It is being recommended that the parishes are not asked for a subscription in 2021.

**Deanery Ministry Fund.** The Deanery Ministry Fund received a small amount of interest. No requests for grants were received in 2020.

**Assets and Liabilities.** This shows total assets of £3,995.62 in the General Fund and £1,931.65 in the Deanery Ministry Fund. The Deanery had no liabilities.

**Reserves Policy:** to maintain a balance in the General Fund, equating to between eighteen months and two years payments, to cover unexpected costs and opportunities for ministry within the Deanery without unnecessarily increasing the Deanery Subscription; where the balance exceeds this level, to budget a deficit in following years. The Deanery policy is to invest its fund balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**GENERAL FUND Receipts & Payments Account (Unrestricted)**

	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Subscriptions		630.00		740.00
Donation				88.00
Refund from DBF(Clergy meal in 2019)		168.01		
Interest				
CBF Deposit Account		8.72		15.34
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>806.73</b>		<b>843.34</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Printing, Stationery & Postage				
Printing	0.00		5.32	
Stationery	0.00		1.50	
Website costs	0.00		0.00	
Postage	0	0	<hr/> 29.00	35.82
Publications				
Church Representation Rules	9.99	9.99	0.00	
			<hr/> 0.00	0.00
Cost of Meetings				
Donation to Wincanton Methodist Church	0		200.00	
Hire of Village Halls	0		0.00	
			<hr/>	200.00
Other				
Retired Clergy lunch	0		256.01	
Ascension Day Organist	0		60.00	
				316.01
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>9.99</b>		<b>551.83</b>
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<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<b>796.74</b>		<b>291.51</b>
<b>Bank &amp; CBF Accounts</b>				
<b>at 1 January</b>		<hr/> 3,198.88		<hr/> 2,907.37
<b>Bank &amp; CBF Accounts</b>				
<b>at 31 December</b>		<hr/> 4,005.61		<hr/> 3,198.88
<b>Uncleared cheques</b>		9.99		0.00
<b>Actual Bank &amp; CBF Accounts</b>		<hr/> 3,995.62		3,198.88
<b>at 31 December</b>				

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>DEANERY MINISTRY FUND Receipts &amp; Payments Account (Restricted)</b>				
	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Transferred from Deanery Ministry Fund				
Ascension Day Collection (50%)		0		202.82
Bank Interest 3/4 interest		7.99		10.33
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>7.99</b>		<b>213.15</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Grants (Exploring Christianity courses)				
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<b>7.99</b>		<b>213.15</b>
<b>Bank &amp; CBF Accounts at 1 January</b>		<b>1,923.66</b>		<b>1,710.51</b>
<b>Bank &amp; CBF Accounts at 31 December</b>		<b>1,931.65</b>		<b>1,923.66</b>

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<b>OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS Receipts &amp; Payments Account (Restricted)</b>				
	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
				0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Bank &amp; CBF Accounts at 1 January</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Bank &amp; CBF Accounts at 31 December</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>

**BRUTON AND CARY DEANERY**  
**STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	TOTALS				
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Deanery Ministry Fund (Restricted)	Other Restricted Funds (Restricted)	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
HSBC Bank Account	1,940.76	0.00		1,940.76	1,142.75
CBF Accounts	2,064.85	0.00		2,064.85	2,056.13
NatWest Bank Account	0.00	1,931.65		1,931.65	1,923.66
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>4,005.61</b>	<b>1,931.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,937.26</b>	<b>5,122.54</b>
Uncleared cheques	9.99			9.99	0.00
Owed to the Deanery - repaid Jan 2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	168.01
<b>Total Monetary Assets</b>	<b>3,995.62</b>	<b>1,931.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,927.27</b>	<b>5,290.55</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Section 4(3) of the Charities Act 1993 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

**Funds**

The General Fund represents the funds of the Deanery which are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the Deanery.

The Deanery Ministry Fund is a restricted fund, consisting of monies for the financial support of lay people within the Deanery, seeking Christian Education, with a priority for those in training for authorized lay ministry. The majority of these monies were transferred from the Bruton and Cary Deanery Ministry Fund which had been administered separately from the Deanery accounts until 2015.

Other Restricted Funds is a restricted fund for use when necessary of separate funds received.

Receipts and Payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

The following assets and liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Closing bank balances as shown in the Receipts and Payments Account.

Amounts owing to the Deanery including subscriptions.

Liabilities including creditors for goods and services for which the supply has been received and invoiced by 31<sup>st</sup> December.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Bruton and Cary Deanery  
for the Year Ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

I have independently examined the accounts of the Deanery as set out on the preceding pages.

Bruton and Cary Deanery have elected both to prepare the accounts on the receipts and payments basis and to subject their accounts to independent examination.

**My responsibilities are to:**

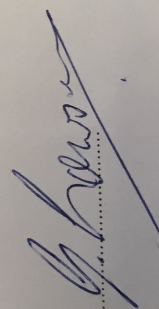
- \* identify whether or not proper accounting records have been kept;
- \* check that the Deanery's accounts agree with the accounting records;
- \* look for possible significant errors in the accounts;

Where matters arise from this examination that give cause for concern it is my duty to report it.

**My report:**

No matters have arisen during the course of my examination where I have to give an adverse report.

Signed.....



Date 2/2/21