

Bruton & Cary Deanery



MINUTES OF THE BRUTON AND CARY DEANERY SYNOD HELD AT WINCANTON METHODISTS CHURCH ON 19TH JULY, 2018

Present

Rev'd Liz Mortimer – Area Dean
Dr Rob Sage – Lay Dean
Mrs Sue Prager – Assistant Lay Dean
Mrs Rosemary Rymer – Treasurer
Mrs Alison Drake – Secretary
Other Members of the House of Clergy – 3
Other Readers – 6
Other Members of the House of Laity – 17
Guests – 8

Apologies for absence were received from Preb Rose Hoskins, Alan Hoskins, Patrick Mileham, Susan Hartnell Beavis, Wendy Crane, Allan Drake, Rev'd Tristram Rae Smith, Jerry Wood, Maureen Ellis, Peter Leavold, Russell Hamlin Boone, Jeremy Pratt, Dominic Lacey, Daisymae Lacey, Stephen Rymer, Sue Kellagher, Ruth Dogerell.

The Meeting opened with a welcome from the Area Dean who offered congratulations to Synod members Dominic and Daisymae Lacey on the birth of their son Robert. The Area Dean then welcomed the Speaker Rev'd Tina Hodgett who also led the Worship on the theme of Colossians Chapter 1 verses 15 – 20, and on the Pioneer Prayer.

Rev'd Tina Hodgetts presentation on the Pioneer Ministry is attached in the power point below describing Pioneers as:

“People called by God who are the first to see and creatively respond to the Holy Spirits initiatives with those outside the Church gathering others around them as they seek to establish a new contextual Christian community.”

The Area Dean then gave an update on the Deanery Plan and reminded the meeting that the website is up and running and that presentations, minutes, notices and information will all be displayed there. She also thanked Rob Sage for his work on this.

The Area Dean also mentioned the success of the Zambia weekend and thanked everyone who arranged or attended this.

The Diocesan Synod elections have only produced two lay Members and no Clergy members. We have six lay seats and four clergy seats. At the meeting two more lay volunteers came forward and these names will be put forward to the Diocese.

The Area Dean announced that there will be a Safeguarding training course C1 at Castle Cary on September 9th, 2018. She also announced that her job title is now Area Dean and the Lay Chair will now be known as Lay Dean in recognition of the increase in work for both posts.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up (Ephesians 4¹²)