



## Reigate Deanery “Virtual” Synod Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021, 8pm		
<b>Venue:</b>	ZOOM		
<b>Meeting Chair:</b>	Leslie Jackson (Lay Chair – Reigate Deanery)		
<b>Note Taker/Secretary:</b>	Judith O’Connell ( <a href="mailto:judith@stlukesreigate.org.uk">judith@stlukesreigate.org.uk</a> )		
<b>Attendees:</b>	50	<b>Apologies:</b>	12

	ITEM	Action
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Prayer</b> by Revd Anita Colpus (Area Dean)	Anita
2	<b>Review of Minutes</b> of Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting held via Zoom on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021. Signed as an accurate record of the meeting.	Leslie
3	<p><b>ECO Church Presentations</b></p> <p><b>Ian Christie</b> – Senior Lecturer (Social Science and Ethics of Sustainable Development) at the University of Surrey. Email: <a href="mailto:ianchristie1498@gmail.com">ianchristie1498@gmail.com</a>; <a href="mailto:i.christie@surrey.ac.uk">i.christie@surrey.ac.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Presentation: 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission at the Time of COP26</u></b></p> <p>Climate crisis: Overview of the state the planet is in.</p> <p>2 things: why we, as a Church, should take action on climate and nature crises.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To show love of God and gratitude for the Good Earth, the Gift of His Creation... <b>“We have inherited a Garden; we must not leave a desert to our children.”</b></li> <li>2. To show love of our neighbour. <b>“We’re all in the same storm, but we’re not all in the same boat.”</b></li> </ol> <p>3 things to be mindful of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Talk about it</li> <li>2. Individual action needs safety and strength in numbers</li> <li>3. Church Action needs to be amplified through work with others.</li> </ol> <p>6 things we can do (ref: <a href="http://www.takethejump.org">www.takethejump.org</a>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. End Clutter</li> <li>2. Eat Healthy</li> <li>3. Holiday Local</li> <li>4. Dress Fresh</li> <li>5. Travel Well</li> <li>6. Change the System</li> </ol> <p><i>Ian’s presentation is available as a PDF, but if you would like a copy of the PPT slides, please contact him directly. They can be used as you wish for future circulation.</i></p> <p><b>Ruth Ritter</b> – Councillor for Earlswood &amp; Whitebushes (Green Party) Contact email: <a href="mailto:Cllr.ritter@reigate-banstead.org.uk">Cllr.ritter@reigate-banstead.org.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Environmental Sustainability at Reigate &amp; Banstead Borough Council (RBBC)</u></b></p> <p>Presentation covering the Background, Strategy, Action Plan, Carbon Targets and</p>	



	<p>work completed to-date at RBBC.</p> <p>If you are keen to get support with engaging your MP, a charity called Hope for the Future offer training and support with this <a href="http://www.hfff.org.uk">www.hfff.org.uk</a></p> <p><b><u>Rev. Tim Astin</u></b></p> <p><a href="#">Presentation on ECO Action taking place locally within the Deanery.</a></p> <p>ECO Church (A Rocha) - <a href="https://www.arocha.org/">https://www.arocha.org/</a></p> <p>Focus on Five Key Areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Worship &amp; Teaching</li><li>2. Buildings</li><li>3. Land</li><li>4. Community &amp; Global Engagement</li><li>5. Lifestyle</li></ol> <p>Useful websites:</p> <p><a href="https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/">https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church/practical-path-net-zero-carbon-churches">https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church/practical-path-net-zero-carbon-churches</a></p> <p><a href="https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/faith-in-action/justice-peace-and-integrity-of-creation/environment/">https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/faith-in-action/justice-peace-and-integrity-of-creation/environment/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20065/environmental_sustainability_and_climate_change">https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20065/environmental_sustainability_and_climate_change</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.creationcare.org.uk">www.creationcare.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Copies of all presentations are available in PDF format on the Reigate Deanery website: <a href="https://www.reigatedeanery.org.uk/eco-church">https://www.reigatedeanery.org.uk/eco-church</a></b></p>	
4	<p>Feedback from Breakout Rooms on the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How are you going to feedback to your church?</li><li>2. How can your Parish apply what you have learned?</li><li>3. What can the Deanery do?</li></ol> <hr/> <p><i>Thoughts and Ideas</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep raising awareness at PCC, articles in Parish magazines.</li><li>• Have an ECO rep to keep things moving along. Keep talking about things!</li><li>• Sometimes issue is finance and may need Diocesan support to do sustainable work on buildings.</li><li>• Recommended book: Planetwise: Dare to Care for God's World by Dave Bookless.</li><li>• What's the problem? Where's the hope? How should we live? Mission?</li><li>• Green Homes Grant – some grants and money available to help make homes more eco-friendly, keep an eye out for available funding.</li><li>• Embed this into congregation lives and see who else can work alongside.</li><li>• Get younger generation involved.</li><li>• Possibly challenge prior planning decisions to update church buildings to make more eco-friendly (e.g., by addition of solar panels).</li><li>• Deanery speakers really useful and be good to utilise their expertise more widely across churches.</li><li>• Share best practice (ideas, resources, encouragement) within the Deanery.</li></ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the criteria of the Environmental/Green awards as some are “quick wins”. Full list worth reviewing for both short and long-term targets.</li> <li>Churches where ECO more embedded and recognised to offer advice and visit opportunities to those starting their journey.</li> <li>Constantly review initiatives against MAP. Revive any that dropped from pre-COVID.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Set up Deanery listing of where people are on their ECO journey (and any awards achieved), so those starting out can learn from their experiences.</b></p>	LJ/JOC														
5	<p><b>Archdeaconry Mission &amp; Pastoral Committee (AMPC)</b></p> <p>The following candidates were put forward to represent Reigate Deanery on the AMPC. Thank you to all for volunteering to take on this important role.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 656 1054 936"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Laity/Clergy</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chris Elliott</td> <td>Laity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Keiller</td> <td>Laity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erin Gilmour</td> <td>Clergy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jim Rosenthal</td> <td>Clergy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Martin Colton</td> <td>Clergy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ruth Inwood</td> <td>Laity</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Laity/Clergy	Chris Elliott	Laity	David Keiller	Laity	Erin Gilmour	Clergy	Jim Rosenthal	Clergy	Martin Colton	Clergy	Ruth Inwood	Laity	
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6	<p><b>Updates from Deanery Project Areas</b></p> <p><b><u>Renewed Hope (previously Renewed Hope Trust) – Anna Coe</u></b>          Email: <a href="mailto:info@renewedhope.org.uk">info@renewedhope.org.uk</a> / Tel: 01737 886997  <a href="https://www.renewedhope.org.uk">https://www.renewedhope.org.uk</a></p> <p>Charity based in Redhill. Runs East Surrey Winter Night Shelter and a year round drop-in centre. Welcomes homeless, vulnerable and isolated people and provides a community for those who do not have a family/support network.</p> <p>Cannot currently use churches for Winter Night Shelter – so not happening this year, however, looking for a house to use to provide overnight accommodation for homeless people. Currently have a bid in with an organization supporting this.</p> <p><b><u>Youth &amp; Children – Rachel Gardner</u></b></p> <p>Rep Meetings still happening via Zoom. Always keen to have the right person engaged in each church. Having a session shortly to discuss new ideas around Christmas. There is an affirmation service happening at Holy Trinity on 27<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>ACTION: For more information, or to confirm your local representative details please contact Rachel on: <a href="mailto:cfm@saintpeterschurch.org.uk">cfm@saintpeterschurch.org.uk</a></b></p> <p><b><u>Living in Love and Faith (LLF) Course Update – Anita Colpus</u></b></p> <p>Over 100 delegates from within the Deanery participated in the LLF course, which was run over 5 sessions (3 on zoom, 2 face-to-face) (with some other churches running their own courses). Thanks to all who facilitated and participated.</p> <p>It’s been challenging, interesting and good to connect with others from different churches across the Deanery. Lots of positive feedback.</p> <p><b>If you took part in an LLF course, please go on to the link below and provide your feedback: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LLFcourse">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LLFcourse</a></b></p>															

6	<p><b>Finance Update by Fiona Hawker (Treasurer)</b></p> <p>Accounts from 2020 were circulated for review and no concerns or queries were raised and they were therefore approved for sign off by Lay Chair.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Action: Leslie Jackson to finalise sign-off of accounts.</b></p> <p>Very little activity during 2020. Spend of £821.46, predominantly on the Reigate Deanery website and money previously agreed to Tandridge Deanery for Social Justice.</p> <p>2021 likely to be similarly low expenditure.</p> <p>Should COVID circumstances continue to improve, then Parish Contributions will be requested again from March 2022.</p>	LJ
7	<p><b>Notices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Croydon Area Lay Conference</b> is taking place online on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 3.30pm – please sign-up ASAP if you are interested. Booking your ticket is essential and Eventbrite will close soon, so to avoid disappointment please visit: <a href="https://croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk">https://croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk</a></li> <li>• <b>COP26 Vigil in the Cathedral</b> If anyone would like to attend the Vigil in the Cathedral but doesn't want to travel, you are welcome to go to St John's Redhill where they are livestreaming the service. Tickets available from the St John's website <a href="http://www.stjohnsredhill.org.uk">www.stjohnsredhill.org.uk</a></li> <li>• <b>Diocesan Synod</b> meeting coming up on 20 October 2021.</li> </ul>	ALL
8	<p><b>Farewell to Anita</b></p> <p>All at Reigate Deanery bid farewell to outgoing Area Dean (Anita Colpus) and thanked her for her work and contribution to the Deanery.</p> <p>Following the retirement of Rev Sue Weakley, Rev Martin Colton has taken on the role of Assistant Area Dean. He will also be Acting Area Dean until a new appointment is made.</p>	
9	<p><b>Date of Future Meetings</b></p> <p>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> February (Zoom), Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> June (venue – tbc), Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> October (venue – tbc)</p>	
10	<p><b>Meeting Closed in Prayer</b></p>	

**Attachments:**

- Final Minutes of Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.
- Final Accounts for 2020