



Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting Minutes

Date:	Wednesday 29 June 2022, 8pm		
Venue:	St Bartholomew's, Horley		
Meeting Chair:	Rev Martin Colton (Area Dean)		
Note Taker/Secretary:	Judith O'Connell (judith@stlukesreigate.org.uk)		
Attendees:	30	Apologies:	21

	ITEM	Action
1	Welcome Worship & Prayer by Revd Les Wells	
2	Review of Minutes of Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting held via Zoom on Tues 22 Feb 2022. Signed by Martin as an accurate record of the meeting.	
3	<p>Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus (RASJF)</p> <p>Chris Elliott and Jennifer Hyde (Tandridge Deanery) gave a presentation on Modern Slavery (copy of presentation to accompany minutes and on Deanery website). Visit The Clewer Initiative website for further information - https://theclewerinitiative.org/ Right here – right now. Modern Slavery is all around us, within Reigate Deanery. Spotting the signs: There is no “typical victim” and modern slaves can be any age, race or gender. Contributing factors can be: Poverty, Lack of education, Vulnerability, Limited opportunities, unstable social or political conditions For children the lack of a “trusted adult” can be key and they can be very vulnerable.</p> <p><u>What can we do?</u></p> <p>How to spot signs of slavery including: Labour exploitation, Domestic servitude, Sexual exploitation, County Lines (using children for drug trafficking), illegal adoption, forced marriage, organ harvesting. Communities (including churches) are key to identifying victims and reporting to partners. In order to prosecute – the police need evidence (from what WE see). To report: In an emergency call the police (999), report suspicious activity (101) or to get advice on modern slavery, call the helpline on 08000 121 700. Crimestoppers (anonymous reporting line) – 0800 555 111. National Crime Agency – Eradicating modern slavery and human trafficking is one of their highest priorities. There is a Pledge that has been circulated to every PCC- see Appendix 1. As well as signing/committing to it – what ACTION can be taken? Please discuss and report back to Chris Elliot. For any further information, email: rasocialjustice@gmail.com</p>	



	<p>Ideas for churches to help (report and support, but be cautious regarding intervening):</p> <p>Providing refugee networks</p> <p>Providing neutral spaces for practical conversations</p> <p>May be appropriate to speak to Street Pastors.</p>	
4	<p>Updates from Deanery Project Areas</p> <p><u>Welcare (Chris Elliot)</u></p> <p>Welcare is a charity working with families and children up to the age of 13 in South London and East Surrey. They are dependent upon grants and donations (money) always helpful.</p> <p>For further information, visit the website: https://welcare.org/.</p> <p><u>Deanery Leadership Team (DLT)</u></p> <p>There are clergy and lay vacancies on the DLT at the moment. If you are interested in participating, please speak to Martin.</p> <p><u>Foodbanks (Anna Moore)</u></p> <p>Anna is Chair of Trustees for Redhill foodbank. They are very busy and lots of need (click on link to see what is currently needed). They are low on stocks and always grateful of support. Please encourage Parishes to review website https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/ and see what they can do to help. Volunteers also needed, please contact: admin@redhillfoodbank.org.uk</p> <p><u>Quiet Day - 09 April 2022 (Les Wells)</u></p> <p>Quiet Day was held at Wychcroft on 09 April 2022. This was led by Archdeacon Alastair Cutting and was a valuable day. Les has provided a review of the day – see Appendix 2.</p> <p>Next year Quiet Day planned for Saturday before Easter – 01 April 2023.</p> <p>Lots of other events taking place at Wychcroft. Check the website for details.</p>	
5	<p>Finance Update by Fiona Hawker (Treasurer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounts for 2021 have been reviewed and signed off by Independent Examiner. • If you would like a copy of the accounts, please contact: judith@stukesreigate.org.uk • Funds are available in the bank account for Deanery activities. • Parishes may be asked for contributions next year. 	FH
6	<p>Notices (including AOB raised at the meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St. Luke's have appointed Rev. Aneal Appadoo, licensing due in the Autumn. - Parishes in vacancy: St. Margaret's, Chipstead, St. Matthew's, Redhill, Charlwood/Sidlow Bridge, St. Peter's, Woodmansterne (Sutton Deanery have offered to assist with cover for this Parish), St. Katherine's, Merstham. • Deanery Administrator Role – Judith will be leaving her role as Deanery Secretary and this will be her last Synod meeting. If anyone would like to discuss the role, please speak to Martin and/or Judith. • Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022 (SDC 2022) at Bacon's College, Rotherhithe on 1-3 September 2022. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeguarding training for PCC members and level required was discussed. To check what level of training church members are required to complete, please visit the website: https://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/training/ All PCC members must complete at least the basic Church safeguarding online course. This is now dictated at a national level and it is of paramount importance to follow national guidelines.• Jill Gunn - Gatton Community Theatre are presenting "The Passion", from 14 – 23 July 2023, at Gatton Park. Please publicise within your church (<i>fliers were issued to those present</i>). Tickets are available from: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gct .	
7	Dates of Future Meetings in 2022 Thursday 20 th October (venue – St. Mark's, Reigate) – <i>Mind & Soul Foundation, Sparkfish</i> Tuesday 28 th February 2023 (Zoom – 8pm) Wednesday 21 st June 2023 (venue – tbc)	
8	Meeting Closed in Prayer	

Attachments:

- Final Minutes of Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting held on 22nd February 2022
- RASJF Pledge ([Appendix 1](#))
- Quiet Day Review by Rev Les Wells ([Appendix 2](#))



As a Parish in Reigate Archdeaconry we commit to doing all in our power to make our Church(es) **free of modern slavery**. The aim is to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour. We will work proactively with others in our local community to support the Surrey Anti-Slavery Partnership’s Business Pledge outlined below.

We have identified 3 or more of the 8 pledge principles where we will take action: (please copy and paste ✓ into the box)

- 1 Provide regularly updated training for our staff to recognise the potential signs of slavery.
- 2 Provide regularly updated training for our staff so that they know how to respond and report any suspected signs of slavery.
- 3 Do all we can to use recruitment methods that eliminate the possibility of slavery particularly with regard to casual or agency staff. *
- 4 Ensure that our suppliers and contractors have employment procedures that eliminate the risk of employing victims of slavery. *
- 5 Share intelligence and information to help detect slavery and ensure it cannot take root with any of Surrey Police [Report | Surrey Police](#), Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority - 0800 432 0804 [Labour abuse - Report form - Exploitation - GLAA](#), Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700, CrimeStoppers 0800 555111 [Give information | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)
- 6 Display posters in places that our staff and congregations will see regularly such as toilet doors, canteens, staff rooms – good examples are provided by The Clewer Initiative <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/resources>
- 7 Regularly promote messages about slavery and how we can work to eliminate this in our communities that we live in with our staff and congregations.
- 8 Provide a modern slavery statement which will be published on our website and other promotional materials.

* There are many organisations that can provide helpful information – Stop the Traffik has an excellent Toolkit for SMEs at - <https://www.stopthetraffik.org/download/sme-toolkit/?wpdmdl=25081&refresh=617d5ec18b3d61635606209>

Church:

Position:

Signed:

Please return to rasocialjustice@gmail.com

APPENDIX 2

Review of Reigate Deanery Quiet Day, 09 April 2022, held at Wychcroft Led by Venerable Alastair Cutting the Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich.

The theme of the day was the 5 Marks of Mission and **Us**

A number from the deanery went on the day which for those I spoke to after said it was a very fruitful day. A time of reflection and time of quiet within the retreat house and the surroundings, a time of refreshment physically but more importantly Spiritually, listening to God in the peaceful and tranquil place of peace and quiet.

The five Marks of Mission

- 1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom – TO TELL**
- 2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers- TO TEACH**
- 3. To respond to human need by loving service- To TEND**
- 4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation- TO TRANSFORM**
- 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the live of the earth- TO TREASURE**

A. Is Mission something to be marked?

B. What have the Marks of Mission ever done for us?

C. The how many Marks of Mission?

Archdeacon Alastair gave us his introduction to three sessions and session two was within a Eucharist. What is it about Mission, perhaps we can't shine as we would like, but God see us as "beloved" God loves us and we are called to be part of his mission?

The mission is to be sent out, "Go, Go, you are sent out", the bible tells us that we are to be people who share the mission of God in all the five Marks that were suggested.

Alistair encouraged us to look at passages that spoke to us in our time of silence, and he gave us an encouragement to remember the great commissioning

Matthew 28: V19 -20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The passage tells us that we are people of the king of kings, and that God calls us and God equips.

Jesus MARKED this out to his first disciples. We the people of today are quipped for the same mission.

Alistair also mention Dietrich Bonhoeffer, it is our responsibility to live the MARKS. The time is for one own personal reflects and how to listen to what God is speaking to those there.

The day was a day of listen and be challenged by God in our lives, we were treated to excellent food and I would highly recommend the day next year. In total about around 20+ people attended the days and all the feedback I received it was said "The days was a really worthwhile day of personal reflection in peaceful surroundings".

By Les Wells