



Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday 20 October 2022, 8pm		
Venue:	St Mark's Church Hall		
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 Martin Colton	
2	<p>Review of Minutes of Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting held on Wednesday 29 June 2022 at St Bartholomew's, Horley.</p> <p>Will be signed by Martin as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
3	<p>SPARKFISH Presentation – by Harriet Pearce (Chair of Sparkfish)</p> <p>Harriet gave a presentation on the work of Sparkfish (https://sparkfish.org.uk)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sparkfish are a local, collaborative, Christian organisation that aims to inspire and encourage young people in faith, hope and love. They engage with young people in schools across Reigate, Redhill and Merstham, offering support in important areas of the curriculum and school life. Working as a team with local churches, they lead by example, lovingly demonstrating their own faith and supporting young people in all aspects of their lives. They work across all ages in education, from early years to sixth form and seek to bridge gaps and build confidence, helping young people to grow emotionally and spiritually.</p> </div> <p>The work Sparkfish engages in with schools is broadly split into 3 Strands:</p> <p>Learn (e.g., RE events for schools which bring the Bible to life, and assemblies which explore values for life. These events include The Christmas Journey (for Y2 children) and The Easter Experience (for Y5 children).</p> <p>Hope - Support for students at times of change and challenge through mentoring, courses and workshops.</p> <p>Think - Space and time in a busy school for reflection and wonder, hopes and prayers.</p> <p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>Sparkfish is funded through grants, partnerships and voluntary donations from individual sponsors and local churches. If you are able to and would like to contribute towards the work of Sparkfish, please go to: https://sparkfish.org.uk/donate.</p> <p>Please promote the work of Sparkfish within your Parish, and if anyone would like further information, please contact: harriet@sparkfish.org.uk.</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>Chris thanked any churches who donated their Harvest collections to Welcare.</p> <p>For further information, visit the website: https://welcare.org/.</p> <p><u>RASJF (Chris Elliot)</u></p> <p>Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus works with families and children up to the age of 13 in South London and East Surrey. Chris noted again that Modern Slavery is “Right Here, Right Now”, so all should be aware and vigilant. RASJF continues to work with the Clewer Initiative.</p> <p>Thank you to all churches that have completed the Anti-Slavery pledge.</p> <p>For further info on this and other RASJF work, visit: https://reigatedeanery.org.uk/rasjf</p> <p>Date for diaries: Saturday 26th November. Joint venture between RASJ & Clewer Initiative at Southwark Cathedral (10am – 1pm). Poster available on the website.</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>Children & Young People</u></p> <p>No current representatives of CYP on Deanery Synod. Leslie would like to know who are the Children and Young People representatives in each Parish and confirm who they are.</p> <p>Jo from St John’s has been elected to Deanery Synod but needs ratifying at APCM. She can then attend meetings to give update.</p> <p><u>ECO Church</u> – Who are the local church ECO Church champions?</p> <p>Diocese is keen to move up to Silver Status. Need more churches to sign up (and move towards Bronze or Silver status).</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Finance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update – minimal expenditure 	
<p>6</p>	<p>Notices (including AOB raised at the meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Clergy Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revd Aneal Appadoo was collated and inducted as the new Vicar of St. Luke’s, Reigate on Wednesday 12 October 2022. - Revd Anna Moore will be collated and inducted at St. Matthew’s Redhill on Wednesday 16 November. - Parishes in vacancy: St. Margaret’s, Chipstead, Charlwood/Sidlow Bridge, Betchworth & Buckland, St. Peter’s, Woodmansterne (Sutton Deanery have offered to assist with cover for this Parish), Merstham.Team. - Revd Mark Pullinger is moving to the Isle of Wight (and we wish him well). - Gatwick Airport Chaplain role is being cut (by Chichester Diocese) and this may be taken on by Southwark Diocese. This may be subsumed within Charlwood/ Sidlow Bridge vacancy • <u>Deanery Administrator Role</u> – it was Judith O’Connell’s last meeting as Deanery Secretary and she was thanked for her work. It was proposed that her replacement be Alexia Hartman, who can be contacted via: reigatedeanery@gmail.com. <p><i>Proposed by Leslie Jackson. Seconded by Chris Elliot. Unanimously approved.</i></p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Area Dean – Bishop Rosemarie has appointed Revd Kate Capper (St. Mary’s Parish) as the new Assistant Area Dean. • Event to note: The Southwark Diocese Evangelical Union is presenting an evening with Alianore Smith, Church & Theology Manager for International Justice Mission UK regarding 'A Christian Response to Modern Day Slavery and Violence' on Thursday 17th November, 7.30 – 9pm (on Zoom). Please visit the event page to sign up for free: https://sdeu.churchsuite.com/events/v97mpkif/invite/0fz0uldy?action=information <i>This event is open to non-SDEU members. Please sign up using and share widely</i> • Foodbanks Hilary Richardson gave an update on local foodbanks. If anyone knows of anyone that may be able to assist, please encourage them to review website https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/ and see what they can do to help. Volunteers always needed, please contact: admin@redhillfoodbank.org.uk • Safeguarding Training Re-iterated Safeguarding requirement for PCC and church roles. To check what level of training church members are required to complete, please visit the website: https://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/training Request for Deanery to put on courses for collective in-person training. Action: Martin to ask the question regarding safeguarding courses. • Mothers’ Union (Hilary Richardson) Mothers’ Union gave an update on a project called “AFIA” (Away from it All), which is a scheme to provide holidays and breaks for people experiencing financial or emotional hardship who have not had a holiday in recent years. For some, it is their first holiday ever. The generosity of Southwark Mothers’ Union members has meant that, to date, 234 people have been able to go on a trip, short break or holiday using the more than £12,000 raised by local branches. The local Southwark Mothers’ Union AFIA representative is: Sally Steele. Email: afia.southwarkmu@gmail.com https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/faith-in-action/mothers-union/ 	
7	<p>Dates of Future Meetings in 2022</p> <p>Tuesday 28th February 2023 (Zoom – 8pm) – <i>last meeting of the triennium</i></p> <p>Wednesday 21st June 2023 (venue – tbc)</p>	
8	<p>Meeting Closed in Prayer</p>	