



Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting Minutes

Date:	Wednesday 21 June 2023, 8pm		
Venue:	Christ the King Church, Salfords		
Meeting Chair:	Rev Martin Colton (Area Dean)		
Note Taker/Secretary:	Alexia Hartman (reigatedeanery@gmail.com)		
Attendees:	48	Apologies:	15

	ITEM	Action
1	Welcome & Eucharist by Rev Martin Colton (St Mark's Church)	
2	<p>Review of Minutes of Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at St Mary's Church, Reigate.</p> <p>Will be signed by Martin as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Vote was taken and the following members were re-elected.</p> <p>Lay Chair – Leslie Jackson</p> <p>Treasurer – Fiona Hawker</p> <p>Secretary – Alexia Hartman</p>	
3	<p>What is the Deanery Synod?</p> <p>Attendees were asked to consider what are our priorities for the next three years as a Deanery. Each attendee was given a Deanery missions action plan to take away think about it how effective we can be as a Deanery. This will discussed at the next Deanery meeting in October.</p>	ALL
4	<p>Motion (to be debated):</p> <p><i>This Synod requests the Diocesan Synod to debate a motion calling for the General Synod to review how Church of England weddings have changed since the pandemic, and asking for the Government to change the law to allow Church of England ministers to conduct Church of England weddings in places other than church of England registered settings.</i></p> <p>Fr Martin put forward the proposal which was seconded by Lizzy Garrett.</p> <p>Several members of the Deanery both clergy and lay people spoke about various points which need to be considered. A vote was then taken.</p> <p>In favour - 26</p> <p>Against - 8</p> <p>Abstain - 11</p>	



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Deanery Updates

Youth & Children

In discussions with Duggie's team to arrange a Duggie Dug Dug event in November for the children and families within the Deanery. To be held at St Mark's Church in Reigate. Details to be shared once confirmed.

<https://www.duggiedugdug.org/>

Welcare (Chris Elliot)

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.

Chris thanked all churches for their continued support.

For further information, visit the website: <https://welcare.org/>

RASJF (Chris Elliot)

Chris noted again that Modern Slavery is "Right Here, Right Now", so all should be aware and vigilant.

For further info on this and other RASJF work, visit: <https://reigatedeanery.org.uk/rasjf>

Please get in touch with Chris if you would like him to speak to your congregation after a Sunday service regarding Welcare and/or RASJF.

Deanery Leadership Team (DLT)

Please speak to Martin if you are interested joining the team. Both clergy and lay vacancies are available.

Eco Church

Surrey County Council are currently running a solar panel scheme.

For further information, visit: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/> and search solar panels.

Church of England calls for all parts of the Church to be 'net zero carbon' by 2030.

For further information, visit:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church>

Quiet Day Wychcroft 23 March 2024

The invitation extends to all members of every parish in the Deanery. Places are limited. An email will be sent out closer to the time on how to book your place.

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6	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounts where shared with Deanery members before the Deanery Synod Meeting.• Fiona reported that there was a small loss.	
7	<p>Notices (including AOB raised at the meeting)</p> <p><u>Clergy Updates / Parishes in vacancy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- St Mary's, Reigate – Associate Vicar Ben Forbes will be joining St Mary's in July.- All Saints' Merstham - Nigel Griffiths is being instituted and inducted as Team Rector of the Merstham and Gatton Team on 5 September 2023.- Betchworth & Buckland – Pru Dulley will be instituted and inducted as Rector of Betchworth and Buckland on 2 October 2023.- Charlwood/Sidlow Bridge – Sue Lepp will be licensed as Priest in Charge and Lead Chaplain at Gatwick Airport in October. - Parishes in vacancy: St Philip's Church – Rev'd Jenny Penn will be leaving on 15 July 2023. <p><u>AOB</u></p> <p><u>Food Banks</u></p> <p>Hilary Richardson highlighted that there is still a great need for donations. The number of people relying on food banks is increasing.</p> <p>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.</p>	
8	<p><i>Dates of Future Meetings in 2023 -24</i></p> <p>Thursday 12th October (venue – St. John's, Redhill)</p> <p>Tuesday 27th February 2024 (venue – tbc)</p> <p>Wednesday 26th June 2024 (venue – tbc)</p>	
9	<p>Meeting Closed in Prayer</p>	