

Amersham Deanery Synod Report 2024

The Amersham Deanery Synod meets quarterly and in person in various churches in the Deanery. Peggy Ludlow continues as the sole Area Dean, with Lawrence Tebboth (Jenny's husband) as the Lay Chair. There have been some interesting presentations and discussions this year, including updates from the General Synod!

At the June 2023 meeting, there were updates from Steve and Lindsay Poulsen, who work in Honduras and are supported by the Amersham Deanery. They were on a visit to the UK and shared the work that they are doing among poor children in the country, especially street children, to support them through education and support for the families, and to help transition teenagers into adulthood. They also spoke about protecting them from the drug gangs, and helping the teenagers into university or vocational education. The charity has established a café and barbershop to increase their funding but also to provide work opportunities and experience for the youth.

Tsungai Muchegwa, the Area Safeguarding Officer, explained the support structure within the Diocese and their aims to support the parishes, and how they are providing training and education in order to raise awareness and change the culture.

At the November 2023 meeting the focus was on the finances of the Deanery and the Parish Share allocation, and a presentation on the workings of the General Synod. Julie Dziegiel went through the Parish Share allocations within the Deanery, with some minor changes to harmonise with the Diocese. Sean Groombridge, from St James Gerrards Cross, led a discussion on the role of music in worship, with small group discussions, and there were similar opinions to ours on 'old' hymns vs 'new' songs. There was also an update from Honduras.

At the March 2024 meeting we started with a reflection and thanksgiving for the life of Bishop Alan. Lawrence Tebboth was voted in to continue as Lay Leader, Julie Dziegiel as the Treasurer, and Dorothy Potter as the Secretary of the Deanery. Rev'd Asa Humphreys, the Buckinghamshire Development Advisor, introduced himself and explained his role and responsibilities.

Lawrence shared an update from the Diocese about the vision for children, and expectations in the Deanery and parishes. Further discussions will be held at the next Deanery Synod meeting in June.

Slides of presentations can be found on the Amersham Deanery Synod website. [Amersham Deanery - Home Page](#)

Anthony Bargioni has been elected as a Deanery Synod representative

All Deanery Synod meetings are open, though only Synod members can vote.

Janine Dunnell and Anthony Bargioni
Deanery Synod representatives
April 2024