

Deanery Synod Report
APCM
2020

Since the APCM in 2019 Alresford Deanery Synod has met four times - the meeting planned for June 2020 did not take place due to Covid19 lockdown rules. All meetings have been held at OAP.

On 27th February DC reported that he was licensed as Area Dean on 14th Feb. We discussed Lango, deanery planning and bMaps and pMaps.

On 6th June the time for prayer was extended to include Thy Kingdom Come. The main item was discussion of the deanery plan for Focal Ministry. A deanery service was proposed to take place at St John's Northington on Sunday 3rd November, the only day Bishop Tim could make.

On Weds 9th October future deployment of clergy was noted to be under discussion by a task force. Usual situation with large rural areas and comparatively small populations as opposed to small urban areas but larger populations. Deanery planning was again discussed.

On 12th February we learnt that the deployment task force would be working at least until March. SM and BG had attended the World Mission Forum. The usual discussions on Lango, with a suggestion from the bishop we might like to join Lyndhurst and form a liaison with Rwanda instead. This was discussed, but the meeting felt strongly that we should continue to support Lango at least until current projects are completed. Lambeth Conference is due to take place in July, with OAP involved. The service with bishop Tim was felt to have been worthwhile and should be repeated. The Archdeacon is reported to be in favour of the Focal Ministry policy document and will take it to the Bishop's Council. It was noted that this year fresh elections for DS reps should be held.

In addition to the synod meetings, there was a Deanery Service in St John's, Northington, with singers from Cheriton joining the Candover Valley Choir.

Future meetings were/are planned for Thurs 11th June (did not take place) and Weds 7th October

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