

WIMBORNE DEANERY SYNOD - REPORT TO CANFORD MAGNA APCM - 2021

1 There have been 3 meetings [all virtual] of Wimborne Deanery Synod in the past 12 months, including an episcopal visit from Bishop Karen, Bishop of Sherborne. Attendance at meetings was typically 45-50 participants, of which around a third were clergy. The next meeting will be the AGM on 22nd June 2021.

2 **Treasurers Report.** – The end-Feb figures from the Diocese on the payment of 2020 Share show that Wimborne Deanery achieved a payment rate of 93% [on a total of c.£1.08 M] compared with 89.9% across the whole Diocese. The 2021 share for the Deanery is to be c.£1.05 M and the diocese is promoting stewardship initiatives and expecting benefits from its on-going investments in IT and communications. Work is continuing on the Diocesan Five Year Financial Plan which aims to eliminate the annual deficit of around £1M by 2025.

3 **Diocesan Synod** - Bishop Nicholas, Bishop of Salisbury, retires on 3rd July after ten years in office. Bishop Karen will then act as lead bishop until a successor is installed. His presidential address appears in full on the diocesan website. He notes that the pandemic has changed the world but we can't yet see what this is going to mean - but we do need to be alert to God within it. He adds "don't forget to love creation because the economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment". A planning framework is being established, with a *Mission and Pastoral Plan*, to guide in the recovery from the pandemic and the way ahead. It aims to help re-imagine mission and ministry in our diocese and set some strategic aspirations for its resourcing and development over the next five years. These stem from the diocesan vision of *Renewing Hope* [Pray, Serve, Grow] and its three priorities: Discipleship & Evangelism, Dynamic collaboration, Community transformation.

NB: The **Election of Diocesan Synod representatives** is due 15 June 2021 and nominations are sought for 5 laity and 6 clergy to represent the Deanery for 2021-24. Forms must be returned by May 24th 2021.

4 **Renewing Hope** – Further to the Diocesan Vision, and the maxims "Never waste a crisis" and "Every problem is an opportunity in disguise" we are encouraged to reflect on what we have learnt from lockdown and what are our priorities going forward, eg doing things differently, use of technology, community, use of music.

5 A diocesan **Net Zero Carbon Taskforce**, led by the Archdeacon of Sherborne, has been established with the aim of achieving Net Zero by 2030. It is at an early stage, including information gathering and making sure the right people are members of the group. Churches are still encouraged to continue work towards achieving Eco Church awards. Bishop Karen encourages each parish to have an Eco-committee to champion the next 8-9 years.

6 **Deanery Plan** [see below] – We are encouraged to reflect on progress so far.

WIMBORNE DEANERY ACTION PLAN 2020 - 2025

A Draft Summary of the Deanery Action Plan

outlining areas we have identified to focus on.

Particular projects will be prioritised as appropriate

• **Vocation & Discipleship**

Exploring and nurturing Discipleship for all
Events aimed at nurturing men's discipleship
Encouraging and Supporting Strong Leaders
Learning about Vocations
Prayer

• **Children and Young People**

Growing Faith
Wimborne Community Hub

• **Resourcing and Giving**

Time Talents Treasure
Pathfinder Deanery

• **Care for Environment**

Worship and Teaching
Carbon footprint: Church Buildings and Land, Personal Lifestyles
Opportunity for Community Engagement
Eco-Church Bronze Award – moving to Silver Award

• **Reaching out to new communities**

Focus on the new building developments planned within the deanery

• **Music & worship**

Exploring creative approaches and new opportunities for worship

• **South Sudan**

Continuing support for our brothers and sisters in our link with South Sudan

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