

THE DEANERY OF HEYWOOD and MIDDLETON

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Minutes of the Heywood and Middleton Deanery Synod

Thursday 11th June at the Old Grammar School, Middleton

Prayers and Welcome

The meeting opened with prayers led by the Area Dean. He then welcomed all Deanery Synod members and our guest speaker, the Archdeacon of Rochdale.

Apologies

A Knott, P Woods, Revd M Thorpe, K Eaton, J Pye, Revd Canon N Feist, M Shackleton, G Barr, G Rigby, J Powell, M Corns, Revd Canon P Miller, A Hayward

Main Item – Visit from the Archdeacon of Rochdale

The Archdeacon posed two questions to the Synod:

What do you think an Archdeacon does?

What would you hope for from your Archdeacon?

Synod split small groups to discuss these questions and then came back together to share their ideas under the guidance of the Archdeacon.

The Archdeacon gave a full account of what she sees her duties to be and took note of views expressed about what people hoped for from her.

Thanks were expressed to Archdeacon Cherry for her presentation by the Area Dean.

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. Proposed by Dr J Broxton and seconded by A Bamford

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Area Dean's Announcements

- Revd Susan Banks is to be Priest-in-Charge of St Margaret's, Heywood and St George's, Heap Bridge. Her licensing takes place at St Margarets, Heywood on 22 July 2009.
- Parish Income Survey. The Area Dean reported that this survey is to be carried out every year from now on, in the month of June. The Standing Committee are to meet week commencing 10 July to look at these forms.
- The Area Dean thanked Pat Barr for her report from Diocesan Synod.
- The Area Dean reminded the meeting that members are due to be elected to Diocesan Synod later in the year.

- A Diocesan Prayer Weekend is planned for September led by Bishop Chris
- ROCK Musical: The Story of Simon Peter was a great success. Over £1,600.00 (one thousand six hundred pounds) was raised. A donation of £500.00 was made to United Christian Singers. The remainder of the money (after donations and expenses have been taken out) is to be shared between the churches in the Deanery, in proportion to the tickets sold by each church. Thanks were expressed to John Pye for organising such a successful event.
- A Churchwardens' Workshop is to be held on 29 June 2009 at St Martin's, Castleton. This is an opportunity for churchwardens to get to know each other and also to look closely at the role of a churchwarden now and in the future.

Financial Report

No financial report was given at this meeting of Synod.

The Area Dean suggested that Deanery funds could be used to provide refreshments for an informal meeting of the Deanery Synod, a time of fellowship.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6 October at 7.00pm at St Martin's, Castleton

A.O.B.

Revd John Geary told Synod that the Inter-Faith Group were planning a Faith Walk on Saturday August 15th in Rochdale.

Synod members were asked to let Alison Bamford know of any planned events for the Deanery Newsletter. Thanks were expressed to Alison for the excellent standard of the newsletter.

Compline

The meeting ended with Compline led by the Lay Chair.