

THE DEANERY OF HEYWOOD and MIDDLETON

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Minutes of the Heywood and Middleton Deanery Synod

Wednesday 27th February 2008 at St Margaret, Heywood

1. Opening Prayers

The Lay Chair, Mrs Pauline Jones, opened the meeting at 7:40pm with prayers.

2. Apologies

There were 26 members present with 9 apologies.

3. Minutes of the last Deanery Synod

Accepted as a correct record; Mr Frank Platt proposed, Mrs Beryl Dowd seconded.

4. Matters arising

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. MAIN ITEMS: Parish Mission Weekend & Hope 2008

Rev'd Chris Fallone gave an amusing and illustrated presentation to introduce the topic of Parish Mission Weekends. This is a new evangelistic venture to support and encourage us all to try to bring more people to Christ. A Mission Weekend is a special church weekend focussed on evangelism and renewal held in a spirit of celebration and festival.

The aim of the project is to encourage parishes to hold such a future special 'Mission Weekend' by selecting a target group of people, be it the current congregation, the people in the local community or the wider community and to reach out to them in what ever way the parish decides. The Diocese is supporting the project by offering training days to help with ideas for the content and delivery of the weekend. (see later for training timetable)

Chris then went on to outline the Hope 2008 Project which is a new venture "for the whole Church for the whole Nation for the whole Year 2008". Its aim is to act as a catalyst to encourage, support and resource the Church. Mission Weekends are an integral part of the overall Hope 2008 programme

The meeting broke into smaller groups to discuss what their parishes may want to do and to feedback the sort of 'Mission Weekend' they would envisage. From the feedback received, there was good support from the parishes, with many indicating their intention to promote such an event.

7. Area Dean's and other Announcements

- ✍ Rev'd Ian Cook retires on Easter Sunday.
- ✍ Rev'd Lee Longden is taking up a new post at Christ Church, Ashton
- ✍ Mrs Pauline Jones announced a quiet morning on 15th March at St Margaret from around 9:30am until around 12:00noon. Everyone is cordially invited.
- ✍ Deanery Synod Elections (Laity) – these are due to take place in April 2008, for a period of office from 1st June 2008 until 31st May 2011. Elected members should be notified to the Deanery Secretary no later than 14th May 2008. A sheet was available at the meeting showing each parish's entitlement of members to the Deanery Synod.

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(For members' convenience the allocation table is presented below. Ed.)

Deanery of Heywood and Middleton	Electoral Roll	Number of Lay Representatives
Castleton St Martin	123	4
Heywood	342	10
Heywood St James	71	3
Langley All Saints and Martyrs	105	3
Parkfield Holy Trinity	28	2
Middleton St Leonard	192	6
Thornham St John	90	3
Middleton Junction St Gabriel	89	3
Rhodes All Saints	89	3
Tonge-cum-Alkrington St Michael	204	6
TOTAL	1333	43

- ☞ Lay Ministry Talk – On 17th April 2008 at 7:30pm the Dean of Manchester, the Very Reverend Rogers Govendar, will be speaking at St Paul's Church, Moor Lane, Kersal, Salford on the subject of Lay Ministry and his vision for 2008 and beyond. Everyone is invited.
- ☞ NVQ1 in catering - Mrs Margaret Shackleton informed the Deanery Synod, to general disbelief and dismay, that it is now a legal requirement that anyone serving tea and biscuits must have a NVQ qualification. Grants will be made available to fund a training event and examination, at 90 Deansgate, should anyone feel the need! IB to act as the contact to facilitate the arrangements should anyone wish to take it up.
- ☞ Parish Share – the final total was 92.5% of the target. This was thought to be an excellent effort and was above that of many other Deaneries.
- ☞ Canon Nick Feist reported that the Diocese had had an unexpected 'windfall' due to the payment of uncollected Glebe rent over a period of years, which was around £0.5M. This was an unexpected and welcome addition to the budget.
- ☞ Rome Pilgrimage – St Joseph's (Father Paul Daly) & St Margaret's (Rev'd Maureen Read) are organising a pilgrimage to Rome on 7th Oct 2008 for 6 nights at a cost of £649. A leaflet was available at the meeting describing the itinerary. There are still places left and anyone interested should contact Mrs Margaret Shackleton on 01706 368359 for more info.
- ☞ Mr Frank Platt, on behalf of the Deanery Synod, wished to pass on congratulations to Rev'd Ian Cook for his 70th birthday and to send our best wishes and blessings for the future on his pending retirement, with many thanks for his ministry over the past 29 years. Frank asked that the Deanery pray for St Gabriel's, its new clergy and treasurer during the period of the interregnum. IB assured St Gabriel's of the Deanery's continuing support and will assist whenever and wherever it is needed.
- ☞ Deanery newsletter – parishes were asked to send details of any forthcoming events or articles of interest for the next version of the Newsletter to the secretary, who will produce a new version anything is received.

8. Financial Report

Not presented

9. AOB

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IB asked to know which parishes have contributed £20 to the running costs of the Deanery. **Action:** G Etugo

10. Date of forthcoming meetings/events summary

✉ Deanery Events

Date	Time	Event: Topic	Venue
2008			
March			
15th	9:30am	Rescheduled 'Quiet Morning' for all	St Margaret's
April		Deanery Synod Elections begin	
Saturday 12th	10am – 3pm	Mission Weekend Training event	M/c Cathedral
17 th	7:30pm	Lay Ministry Talk	St Paul's, Kersal
May			
14th	DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF DEANERY SYNOD REPS		
September			
Saturday 13th	10am – 3pm	Mission Weekend Training event	M/c Cathedral
October			
7 th to 13th		Pilgrimage to Rome	Vatican!

11. Closing Prayers

IB thanked Rev'd Chris Fallone for his presentation and St Margaret's for their kind hospitality and the meeting closed with a moment of prayer and the grace at 9:05pm.