

HEY WOOD AND MIDDLETON DEANERY SYNOD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEANERY SYNOD
HELD ON
MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2003 AT ST JOHN, THORNHAM

1. The Area Dean opened the meeting with prayers.
2. There were 32 members present with 15 apologies for absence.
3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 June were approved and signed.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. Special Item: Laity Development

The Area Dean introduced the Rev Michelle Lockhart who works for the Board of Ministry and Society and is the training Officer for laity and Readers.

She talked about a set of training booklets entitled "Who Cares?" and a pack on "Shared Ministry"

Rev Lockhart explained the training required to be a Reader. The commitment over three years is three ten weds evening sessions from 6.45 – 9.00pm, plus one Saturday each term, two tutorial projects each term, two assessed assignments each term and six to ten hours work at home per week. All this leads to the National Readers Certificate.

The Area Dean thanked Michelle for her contribution.

6. Mr G. Etugo reported that there was £119 in the Yorkshire Bank account and £640.10 in the Halifax account. Rev I. Butterworth indicated that some contribution to a clergy retreat in May, at £52 each, would be asked for in the New Year. The Synod agreed that the Standing Committee could look at this and bring more information to the next meeting.
7. There was no election to Diocesan Synod for this coming Synod. There is one vacancy in the House of Clergy. This is to be looked at, at the next Clergy Chapter.
8. Area Dean's Announcements
 - Rev Chris Fallone is on leave following a heart bypass operation.
 - There was a meeting in Rochdale at the same time as this meeting, to discuss the closure of St John's Primary School, Thornham.
 - The Diocese is designating a Sunday to remember the Link Dioceses.
 - There is new guidance on the admission of children to Holy Communion before Confirmation. - -
 - The Diocese has produced a report on the environment and how parishes can help in this respect.
 - Area Deans have been given a CD Rom with parish maps and other information; other things will be added later.
 - Proposed Parish Share Review will do away with the present categories and will be replaced with an income survey of each member of the congregation who would be asked to tick a box covering their income band.
 - Rev S. Evason is moving to Barrow in Furness in December. (This means the Deaneiy will need a new Lay Secretary and a Clerical Secretary and Chapter Clerk. There were no volunteers.)

- Evangelism Month — T
There will be a service on St Andrew's Day at Castleton at 6.30pm, which will be led by Canon Robin Gamble. The Area Dean would appreciate good support for this service.
A Lent Course is being prepared by Mr Gamble to be used throughout the Deanery. The month is entitled " Learning about Evangelism and Doing Evangelism" . Each week will have a training session.
There will be three worship times:
 Sunday 2 May; Ascension Day and 30 May.
David Brooks would like the names of children 13+.
John Pye asked about a workshop for music groups and leaders.
There could be a Deanery website.

9. Written Reports from other BO

- 9.1 Board of Finance — a written report was presented to the meeting
- 9.2 Board of Ministry and Society — none
- 9.3 CMS — a copy of CMS annual report was presented.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 The dates for meetings in 2004 will be added to the end of the Minutes of this Meeting after the Standing Committee has met on 24th November.
- 10.2 It was proposed by Mr G. Etugo and seconded by Mrs M. Evason that Mrs A. Hosie replace Mrs M. Evason on Diocesan Synod. Mrs Evason is to inform the Diocesan Office in writing after the November Diocesan Synod.

After Meeting Notes:

The dates and venues of the 2004 Deanery Synod are: