

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF DEANERY SYNOD AT ST MARTIN'S, CASTLETON 23/04/08 at 7.30pm.

Compiled by Mrs Janine Shaw

Reverend Ian Butterworth opened with prayer.

Present: Rev'd I. Butterworth/Mrs P. Jones/Mr G Etugo/Mrs J. Shaw

Apologies from Rev'd M. Thorp/Mr J. Pye

MATTERS ARISING

A discussion took place with regards to the Deanery Account.

There was a discussion on how the churches in the Deanery would be covering services now that the clergy numbers had been reduced.

Rev'd I. Butterworth stated that it was getting more and more difficult to cover services and asked if it would be possible to change the times of some of the services to ease the pressure. George said that Lay Readers could ease the burden of existing clergy but they could not administer the Eucharist.

Rev'd I. Butterworth suggested that the Deanery Pastoral Committee should reform to discuss the issues of vacancies and service times and present this to Deanery Synod.

Pauline suggested that OLM's could also take more services where there are no resident clergy.

Rev'd I. Butterworth asked Janine if there are any subjects that a future Deanery Synod meeting could discuss to help with the Worship at Rhodes. It was felt by Janine, that some training would be helpful with regards to conducting their own service once a month.

Rev'd I. Butterworth suggested that Reverend Peter McEvitt gave a talk at the next Deanery Synod meeting.

Pauline thought that maybe a discussion from a local Hospice would also be relevant to Deanery Synod.

Date of next Standing Committee meeting is Wednesday 18th June, 7.30pm at St Martin's, Castleton.

The meeting closed with prayer.