

HEYWOOD AND MIDDLETON DEANERY SYNOD

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Held on Mon, 21st Oct 2004 at 7:30 at Middleton Rectory

Present:

Canon N. Feist (Chairman), Rev'd G. Turner,
Mrs P. Jones, Mrs S. Thompson, Mr J. Pye (Secy). Mr G Yates (later)

Apologies

Rev'd I. Butterworth

The meeting was opened by Nick with a prayer for guidance and understanding.

Proceedings:

Nick summarised the meeting he and John Pye had held with Nigel Spraggins.

A new spreadsheet had been generated which corrected earlier formula errors. Nigel agreed that the Deanery could choose to do an annual survey should it so wish and also address concerns over the short 4 week period over which attendance figures were gathered. (52 week attendance figures would be available through the Archdeacon's office.)

The appeal by St Leonard's had been upheld and there would be no consequential impact on other parishes within the Deanery as the variance would be accommodated by central funds. The new figures were as follows:

| St Leonard's | Target | Actual |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| New | £65,029 | £65,744 |
| Old | £68,258 | £66,768 |

Nick had visited the Heywood Team. They were contemplating submitting an appeal but had ultimately decided against it.

Nick then outlined the process by which the Standing Committee might wish to proceed on behalf of the Deanery in order to vire the new allocations in a more appropriate manner to maximise the possibility of the best overall response from parishes and hence the Deanery as a whole.

As a general rule, it was decided to retain Parish Share if the new figure was lower than previously. Other parishes were discussed in turn and new vired figures agreed.

The new Parish Share figures would be presented to a special open meeting of the Deanery Synod on Nov 29th, at St Martin's Castleton, for edification and discussion.

Date of next Meeting

TBA