

Stamford Deanery Synod Meeting at St Georges Place on 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm

Report to West Deeping PCC

The meeting was chaired by the recently appointed Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Martyn Taylor.

He opened the meeting with a reading from Genesis 43, about Joseph and his brothers in Egypt: drawing parallels with Jesus and his Disciples.

Apologies were received.

The circulated minutes of the meetings held on 20.11.18 and 16.9.19 were adopted.

From matters arising Martyn stated that the Diocese is currently running a £4 million deficit, which is much larger than anticipated. All new appointments at the centre of the diocese have been frozen. A new plan will come from the Diocesan Synod.

Pastoral reports:

Martyn reported that the incoming Rector of All Saints', the Revd Neil Shaw was due to be inducted on 20th April, an appointment had been made to Christ Church, but the name of the person had not been released. The Revd Ben Topham was serving as associate Rector at St George's.

Fr Aran reported on the servery and toilet projects in the Uffington Group, an Alpha Course had started and a joint APCM for all the parishes in the Group was planned for 5th April.

Martyn also reported that Fr Gavin Cooper had resigned his licence at the end of February. He had 3 months grace before having to vacate the house he was living in.

Financial report:

In the absence of Catherine Barlow, Philip Dale gave a brief financial report. The deanery still held a small amount of cash. There had been no expenses and no income since the last report.

Synod Elections:

Martyn explained that all representatives on the Deanery Synod stand down this year. Parishes could elect one representative for up to 25 on the electoral roll and two for up to 100 on the electoral roll. Each rep. can stand for two consecutive terms. This rule could be waived by a PCC vote which would come into force at the next election. All APCMs must now take place by May 31st, not the end of April as in previous years. The Diocesan Synod was due to end in July. Five posts would be available for the laity, to be voted on by the Deanery Synod.

The first meeting of the new Deanery Synod was arranged for 22nd June and the following one for 21st September.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Allan Crowson. 27.3.20.