

STRETFORD DEANERY STANDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 24 March 2015
at St. John's Vicarage, O.T.

Present: Revd John Hughes (Area Dean), Mrs Yvonne Mackereth (Lay Chair), Mr David Cosham (Treasurer and Budget Secretary) and Mr Ian Artus (Secretary)

Apologies: Revd Kate Burgess and Mr Ben Mottley

The meeting opened with a prayer.

The Area Dean was in the Chair.

1. Minutes of Standing Committee

The Minutes of the Standing Committee held 3rd December 2014 were accepted as a true record. These had been circulated with the papers for the January 2015 synod.

2. Treasurer's Report

Mr David Cosham reported as at end February 2015:

Current Account £1171.51

Deposit Account £ 277.49

3. Budget Secretary

Mr David Cosham reported that he received an e-mail from the diocese but he had not yet received a report on the parish share for 2015. This will probably be issued for end March 2015.

4. Draft Minutes of the Synod Meeting 29 January 2015

The draft was discussed, amended and approved for circulation.

5. Agenda for Deanery Synod 21 April 2015

The draft Agenda for the Deanery Synod Thursday 21 April 2015 at All Saints, Stretford, was discussed, amended and approved for issue.

The presentation is 'Interfaith' to be presented by the Revd Steve Williams.

6. Deanery Meeting 23 May 2015

The shape of the deanery meeting was discussed. It is intended to explore what the deanery is and what it might be in the future. There is a need to promote the relevance of the deanery in the work and life of our parishes and to cast it in a more positive light in order that it might play a more active role in the life of our churches.

The Area Dean is exploring possible 'key note' speakers. He would like to create a small deanery working group to carry ideas forward and develop the programme for the day to be both informative and uplifting.

The venue will be St. Matthew's church hall.

The Area Dean stated that Bishop David will be coming to the deanery 8 October 2015 and this deanery event would be a good opportunity for us to reflect on the deanery and how we might see it developing as a positive organisation in the future and to be able to engage in meaningful debate with our new Bishop.

7. Future meetings of Deanery Synod

Saturday 23 May 2015	Deanery Meeting St. Matthew's church hall
Wednesday 22 July 2015	Mothers' Union St. Michael, Flixton Presented by Cath Hilton M/cr MU President
Thursday 8 October 2015	Visit of Bishop David

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Young Adults (postponed from 2015)
Diocesan Overseas Links
Fairtrade
Police Commissioner
Chaplains ie Airport, Media City, Football Club
BBC Religious Affairs

Your Standing Committee would welcome any suggestions of speakers for future synods.

8. Any Other Business

No other business

9. Date and place of next meeting of the Standing Committee

To be decided by the new Area Dean

The meeting closed with prayer.

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