

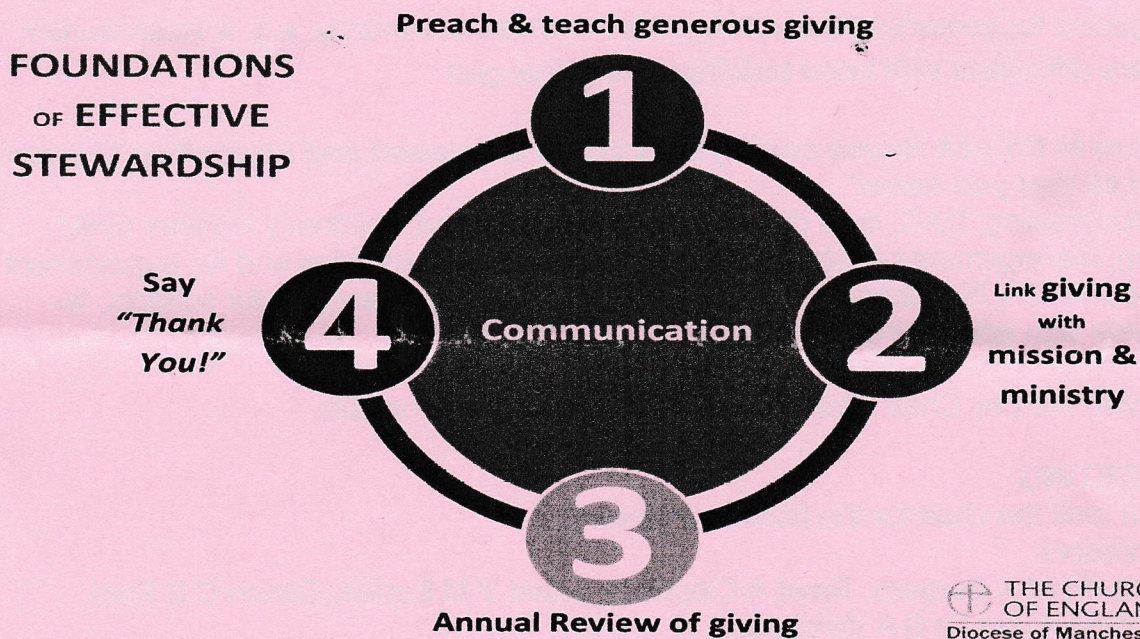
STRETFORD DEANERY SYNOD

Minutes of the Meeting held at
All Saints, Stretford,
on Thursday 29 January 2015

7 Clergy, 18 lay Synod members and 1 visitor were present.

STEWARDSHIP Presented By James Emmerson Diocesan Stewardship Officer and Chair of Diocesan Stewardship Committee

James started his talk by telling us a little of his background and also presented apologies from the Revd Marcia Wall who was unable to be with us tonight. James then presented his diagram on the foundations of effective stewardship and took us through it step by step. The diagram is reproduced here in black and white. James emphasised that **communication** is the key element



Step 1 Preach and teach generous giving was the corner stone of the approach.

Step 2 Link giving with mission and ministry. It is important to link these two together so that there is a clear understanding of what the giving is for – mission and outreach; spreading the Good News.

Step 3 Annual Review of giving. This provides a feed back and informs the plans for the next cycle.

Step 4 Say "Thank you."

The diagram is a circle because it represents the need to repeat the cycle on a regular basis, learning each time how to improve – informing the next iteration, with communication at the heart.

James said that churches are quite good at linking giving with *need* and using appeals. This can be effective but limited. We should encourage linking giving with *mission*. For example by taking a good charity and talking about what they are trying to achieve and how we might respond to their vision. People can see a long term vision. Communication is the key element. Build communication into the church culture.

James then asked us to form into groups to consider a series of questions:

What groups in the parish/area might you pool your resources with so that you can be more effective in engaging with your community?

- Building relationships with hall users – volunteering?
- Identifying and building local relationships like the Lostock partnership.
- Providing services like a Credit Union – using our resources to give back.

How might you use your buildings / investments more effectively for outreach and community engagement?

- Play groups and luncheon groups
- Housegroups
- Community interchurch festival, e.g. Flixton folk festival
- Coffee shop
- Breakfast groups
- Zumba and other exercise groups
- English classes
- Use legacies for something that can benefit the whole community, e.g. a youth worker
- There are difficulties with listed buildings being changed

What resources in Church House could you draw on to support and strengthen the use of the resources that you have?

Stewardship, fundraising, DAC, care of buildings, child protection, children's ministry (child friendly church), management of estates, support for ordination candidates and for appointment of clergy, advice re: Gift Aid, financial advice, Board of Education & support for schools, 'e-news', Crux, help with advertising.

Mrs Y Mackereth, the Lay Chair, thanked James for his challenging talk.

BUSINESS MEETING

The Area Dean took the chair for the Business Meeting.

Recorded as present:

Revd J Hughes, Revd K Burgess, Revd A Clephane, Revd V M Eccles, Canon C S Ford, Revd S W Scofield, Revd Dr S A Wright and

Lay members; Mr S Worsley, Mr B Osborne, Mr R Mills, Mrs B Prince, Mr D Byrom, Miss E M Pope, Mr R Roach, Mrs J Mortimer, Miss J Gardner, Mr I H Artus, Miss S M Barker, Mrs Y Mackereth, Mr B Mottley, Mrs A May, Mr C Hooley, Mrs A Hooley, Mr D Cosham and Mr J D Gilbertson

and Visitor; Mrs C Cosham

Apologies for absence were recorded from: Revd C Bailey, Revd R W Green, Revd Dr V Johnson, Revd T R Malkin, Revd K Marshall, Revd P Matthews, Revd P Scott, and Lay members, Mrs B Davies, Mrs C Harrison, Mrs C Myring, Mrs M Tench, Miss B Berrisford, Cllr W Stennent, Mr J G Ward, Mrs A Murphy, Mrs B L Pye and Mrs S Middleton.

1. Minutes of the Deanery Synod

The Minutes of the Synod held on 16 October 2014 were accepted as a true record and signed.

2. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising

3. Minutes of Standing Committee

The Minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held on 3 December 2014 which had been circulated before the meeting were received.

4. Matters arising

Item 3, Budget Secretary. Synod noted that the position was still vacant. See 6. below.

5. Treasurer' Report

a) Finance

Mr David Cosham reported:

Current Account £611.15

Deposit account £277.45

There was one un-presented cheque.

b) Parish Subscription

The Treasurer proposed that the Parish subscription to the deanery remains at £60 for 2015. This was seconded by Mrs Carol Cosham and carried nem con.

c) General Synod Digest

It was agreed to order one copy per parish in the future; was three.

The Area Dean thanked Mr David Cosham for his report.

6. Budget Secretary's Report

No report; see Item 4. above

It was proposed by Mr Duncan Gilbertson, after consultation, to appoint Mr David Cosham, currently Deanery Treasurer, to the additional post of Budget Secretary. This was seconded by Mr Ben Mottley and carried unanimously, nem con.

7. Deanery Items

a) Area Dean

i) Referring to Item 7 of the Standing Committee minutes the Area Dean talked about the deanery event planned for 23 May 2015. It is planned to explore what the deanery is and what it might be in the future as a preparation for the meeting later in the year with Bishop David on 8 October 2015. All members of synod and other members of our congregations were invited to support this event which is to take place in St. Matthew's church hall.

ii) The Area Dean spoke of the wonderful news of the Revd Vicky Johnson and her move to Ely Cathedral

iii) A deanery **Ascension Day** service will be held at St. John, Flixton open to all churches not planning their own service

b) Mission and Pastoral

The DPM had not met due to ongoing discussions concerning St. John and St. Michael, Flixton; and also discussions concerning All Saints.

c) News

St. Clement: Scaffolding to be taken down next week; end of Phase III.

All Saints: Would like to join with another church for Ash Wednesday service

St. Mary the Virgin: The Manchester Corale 28 February 2015

St. Hilda: Burns Night 1 February 2015 and Pancakes 13 February 2015

St. Matthew: Work was to start on new glass doors

St. Bride: The THT development of community facilities will require relocating the church to facilitate the development.

St John the Evangelist: The remainder of the solar panels are to be installed soon.

Date and place of Deanery Synod Meetings for 2015

Tuesday 21 April 2015	Interfaith	Christ Church, Davyhulme The Revd Steve Williams
Saturday 23 May 2015	Deanery event	St. Matthew's Church Hall
Wednesday 22 July 2015	Mothers' Union	St. Michael, Flixton Presented by Cath Hilton Manchester MU President
Thursday 8 October 2015	Bishop David visits the deanery	
October 2015	Young Adults	St. John the Evangelist, OT This meeting will be carried over to 2016 due to the visit of Bishop David.

The Area Dean thanked the members of All Saints for their hospitality.

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