**Stroud Deanery Synod, Wednesday 7th January**

**Items under AOB**

Col Tony Singer, Deanery Synod rep for Pitchcombe, has asked that the following questions be raised at Deanery Synod on 7th February:

1. **When the Archbishop visits in May, it would be helpful to have early sight of which churches he will be visiting.**

*Reply from Red James Turk, member of the Organising Committee for the visit:*

There is a varied schedule for the ABC visit weekend, but plans have yet to 'land' so I am not in a position to say just where and when he will be visiting.

I do like the idea of possible streaming some of the weekend though, and I will feed this back to the team.

*Canon Margaret Sheather, Lay Chair:*As I understand it there is quite a small number of specific visits.  The main diocesan event is a service in the cathedral on the afternoon of the Sunday, time still to be confirmed.

*Rev Sue Murray, Area Dean*

Information on the visit is now available on the Diocesan Website. Much of the visit is private (as opposed to public church visits/meetings) as the main purpose of these visits is for mission and evangelism in smaller venues eg schools. The Sunday afternoon service at the Cathedral is the main opportunity to meet the Archbishop and we can expect it to be live streamed in some way.

1. **Will it be possible to have live streaming from those churches to listen to his wors?**

See above - Suggestion will be fed back to the Organising Committee

1. **It is requested that the Deanery Synod provides a Safeguarding Lead to cover all the parishes on this tricky subject, in particular on training, updates, and certification.**

*Following consultation with the Diocese Safeguarding team*The trained Parish Safeguarding Officer of each parish should contact Safeguarding team at Church House with any queries on safeguarding, including training. It is a requirement that every parish has its own safeguarding officer and a Deanery Lead would only be duplicating the advice of the Safeguarding Team and your own PSO.

The Safeguarding team is always happy to receive emails and calls directly from people in parishes – particularly PSOs and Incumbents who tend to deal with the bulk of safeguarding issues. They can advise on specific concerns/situations, as well as training, safer recruitment and anything to do with safeguarding policy/practice guidance.

1. **Might the Deanery set-up a Swop-Shop through which a church could list “unwanted” or surplus to requirement church items.**

*Revd Sue Murray – Area Dean*

Although someone to co-ordinate this list could be helpful, guidance from the Archdeacon would be needed for any such swops to ensure any faculties or permissions that were required were applied for. This is needed before any item can leave one church for another even within the same Benefice.