

There will be a **Meeting of Stroud Deanery Synod** on
Wednesday 23rd May 2018 - 7.30pm at St Laurence Church, Stroud

To help us get to know each other better, please will Synod members collect a name badge **as they arrive** and wear it throughout the meeting?

Coffee will be available from 7pm, with the meeting starting promptly at 7.30pm

1. WELCOME – *Revd Pat Freeth, Interim Area Dean*

2. PRESENT/APOLOGIES

3. PRAYER – *led by Revd Kate Stacey*

4. MINUTES

4.1 To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 21st February at Horsley Church
(Having been circulated previously)

4.2 Matters arising, not already covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

5. Presentation and discussion by Revd Pauline Godfrey

Diocesan Discipleship and Vocations Officer - **'Whole Life Discipleship'**

In our Diocesan Life Vision we have committed to developing confident disciples.

Whole Life Discipleship encourages us to think as churches about how we enable each individual Christian to be confident in their faith in all they do – not just when we are engaged in church activities.

6. DEANERY LIFE VISION

- **'Green Shoots'** We'd like to hear from you about any new initiatives you've got underway or are considering, whether they are:
going well - share the success for us all to learn from
or proving tricky – share your concept and get others' ideas and support
- **Inter-Deanery Meeting and Diocesan Stipends Fund bid**
- **Mission Shaped Intro Workshop day, 23rd June at Woodchester**

7. PARISH & BENEFICE UPDATE – *Lay Chair*

- **The Stroudwater Team**
Liz Palin licensed as Team Vicar on 24th April
- **Bisley Benefice** – *Revd Sue Murray Licensing 18th March*
- **The Beacon Benefice** – Vacancy update
- **Minchinhampton** – Vacancy update
- **Nailsworth** – Vacancy update

8. PROCEDURES FOR CLERGY VACANCIES – Draft Motion from Amberley for discussion and agreement to go forward to the next Diocesan Synod Meeting on 20th June.
(*Motion attached*)

9. REPORTS

9.1 Diocesan Synod Meeting - *next meeting not until 20th June 2018*

9.2 Parish Share – *Lay Chair*

Update on Parish Share 2017

Parish Share commitments for 2018

9.3 Deanery Office Funding – *Update – Mike Lambert*

10. MEETINGS dates for 2018

Standing/Pastoral Com.10am-12 noon all at The Church Office, Stroud	Deanery Synod all at 7.30 pm	Speaker/Topic
Tuesday 18th Sept	Wednesday 10th October Cainscross Church Hall	Revd David Runcorn Assoc. Diocesan Director of Ordinands & Warden of Readers

11. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Diocesan Synod Elections 2018**
Notice of Election and Nomination forms forwarded with Deanery Synod Agenda.
Invitations for nominations between 6th-14th May
Closing date will be 1st June
Depending upon whether a ballot is necessary, at the latest by 30th July
results of those duly elected will be issued
New members take up their post from 1st August 2018 for a period of 3 years

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Please advise the Deanery Administrator of any other business. No other business will be considered for inclusion unless received by her by 10.00am on Tuesday 22nd May 2018

13. CLOSING PRAYER – Revd Pat Freeth