

There will be a **Virtual Meeting via 'Zoom' Conference Call**
of **Stroud Deanery Synod** on
Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7.30pm

- 1. WELCOME and introduction** – Canon Margaret Sheather, Lay Chair
- 2. OPENING PRAYER** – led by Revd Sue Murray, Area Dean
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1** To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2020 by Zoom Conference Call (Having been circulated previously)
 - 3.2** Matters arising, not already covered elsewhere on the Agenda
- 4. SPEAKER – Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar – Stanger to Friend initiative**
Following by small group discussions and a time for questions
- 5. DEANERY STRATEGIC PLAN - Update** – Area Dean
- 6. PARISH & BENEFICE UPDATE** – Area Dean
 - **Bisley Benefice** – House for Duty post now vacant
 - **The Stroud Team** – Team Vicar vacancy – currently under review
 - **Brimscombe, Woodchester & Rodborough** – House for Duty vacancy - Sarah Haslam was ordained Deacon on 19th September, as stipendiary Curate to the benefice
- 7. REPORTS**
 - 7.1 Diocesan Synod Meetings** – Last meeting 1st July 2020 – Lay Chair
 - 7.2 Parish Share Update 2020 & 2021** – Revd Liz Palin, Asst. Area Dean
 - 7.3 Deanery Office Funding** – Mike Lambert, Deanery Treasurer - copy attached
- 8. MEETINGS dates for 2021 confirmed as:**

Standing/Pastoral Com.10am-12 noon all at The Church Office, Stroud	Deanery Synod all at 7.30 pm	Speaker/Topic
February 2nd	February – Wednesday 24th	10 year Deanery Strategic Plan
April 27th	May – Wednesday 12th	Tbc
September 21st	October – Wednesday 6th	Tbc

9. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Deanery Synod Elections 2020** – The deadline for APCM meetings has been extended to 31st October. Existing lay members of Deanery Synod as at 20th March 2020 will now remain in office until 30th November 2020. Newly elected members will take up their offices from 1st December 2020.
- **Diocesan Synod** – Lay vacancies (Currently only 4 of possible 8 places filled – Commitment: 3 meetings per year, 2 usually on Saturday mornings from 9am to 1pm, including lunch, and one evening in the summer during June/July).
If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Margaret or Sue.
- **General Synod** - By-election to fill the outstanding vacancy in membership of the House of Laity. Further details from the Diocesan Secretary, Ben Preece-Smith, in due course.
- **Next meeting of Area Deans** – 22nd October 2020

10. 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 6th October.

11. CLOSING PRAYER led by Revd Canon Howard Gilbert, Asst. Area Dean.