

There will be a **Meeting of Stroud Deanery Synod** on
Wednesday 12th February 2020 - 7.30pm at
Lakefield School, Frampton-on-Severn GL2 7HG

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

Particularly to Revd Janet Turville to her first Deanery Synod Meeting.

2. PRESENT/APOLOGIES *as per the Registers*

3. PRAYER – *led by Revd Liz Palin*

4. MINUTES

4.1 To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on
Wednesday 9th October at Cainscross Church Hall (Having been circulated previously)

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

- Deanery Strategic LIFE Plans - Phase 1 – Initial Mapping Meeting took place on 18th January at Lakefield School.

5. SPEAKERS – **Mrs Rachel Howie**, *Diocesan Director of Education*
'Growing Faith'

&

Mr Richard Witham, *Deputy Leader of One Life.*
'One Life'

Followed by a time for discussion and questions

6. REPORTS

6.1 Diocesan Synod Meetings – 2nd November 2019 & 1st February 2020
Lay Chair - See attached report

6.2 Parish Share 2019 & Parish Share 2020
Lay Chair - See attached report

6.3 Deanery Office Funding – *Mike Lambert, Deanery Treasurer*
Financial statement to 31st December 2019 attached.

7. PARISH & BENEFICE UPDATE – *Area Dean*

- **The Stroudwater Team** – *Sally finished at Christmas working for the Severnside churches, following 20 years' service and so the new Team Administrator Mrs Katie Moore is now covering the 15 parishes.*
Contact details for Katie: officestroud@gmail.com Tel: 07973 0387099
- **Bisley Benefice** – *Revd Helen Caine is helping out as Associate Priest until Easter 2020*
- **The Beacon Benefice**
- **The Stroud Team** – *Team Vicar vacancy - process underway*
- **Brimscombe, Woodchester & Rodborough** – *House for Duty vacancy ongoing.*

8. MEETINGS dates for 2020

Standing/Pastoral Committee 10am-12 noon in the Choir Vestry St Laurence Church	Deanery Synod all at 7.30 pm	Speaker/Topic
April 28th	<u>Wednesday May 20th</u> St Laurence Church, Stroud	Bishop Rachel Treweek & Revd Canon Dana Delap Deanery Strategic LIFE Plans
September 15th	<u>Wednesday October 7th</u> Cainscross Church Hall	Tbc

9. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Deanery Synod and General Synod Elections 2020

Deanery Synod elections take place this year so you need to include this in the planning for your Annual Parochial Church Meeting and give some thought to who you might want to encourage to represent your parish in this way. We hope also that the Synod meetings have been interesting and useful enough for many of you to wish to continue in this role! Good representation from across the Deanery will be important as we take forward the Mission Planning for the coming ten years that we have just started to think about.

Lay members of Deanery Synod form the electorate for the Diocese's lay representatives on the Church of England's General Synod.

General Synod elections also take place this summer, hot on the heels of the election of the Deanery Synod representatives. The General Synod is effectively the parliament of the Church of England and the diocese currently has three clergy and four lay members in addition to the Bishop. It passes legislation that affects the church ranging from introducing new things like the highly controversial consecration of women as bishops to the more mundane updating of processes such as the revised Church Representation Rules. It also debates issues of current interest and motions that can be put forward by individuals or by dioceses, often promoted originally by Deaneries. So please:

- get your list of new Deanery lay members in to the Diocesan Office promptly so that they are on the electorate in good time
- think about whether you would like to stand for General Synod or who you might want to see representing you and encourage them to do so

Margaret Sheather

- **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.

- **Revd Liz Palin** - Commissioning as Assistant Area Dean will take place at the 6pm service at Frampton Church on 23rd February 2020. *Everyone welcome*

- **CONNECT – Schools Ministry Conference 29th February 2020** at Shurdington Primary School

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 11th February

11. CLOSING PRAYER led by Revd Sue Murray

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