

There will be a **Virtual Meeting via 'Zoom' Conference Call**
of **Stroud Deanery Synod** on
Wednesday 12th May 2021 at 7.30pm

- 1. WELCOME and introduction** – Revd Sue Murray, Area Dean
- 2. OPENING PRAYER** – Revd Canon Howard Gilbert, Assist. Area Dean
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1** To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2021 by Zoom Conference Call (Having been circulated previously)
 - 3.2** Matters arising, not already covered elsewhere on the Agenda
- 4. PRESENTATION - LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH**
A presentation and short film led by Canon Margaret Sheather, Lay Chair, followed by break-out group discussions, and questions & answers.
- 5. DEANERY STRATEGIC PLAN** – *Interim Report attached*
- 6. PARISH & BENEFICE UPDATE** – *Area Dean*
 - **Bisley Benefice** – House for Duty vacancy
 - **The Stroud Team** – Team Vicar vacancy
Both vacancies will now be reviewed as part of the Stroud Deanery Strategic Plan
 - **Brimscombe, Woodchester & Rodborough** – Associate Priest vacancy
– not being pursued at the moment
 - **Minchinhampton** – A new Curate will be in post from 4th July 2021
- 7. REPORTS**
 - 7.1 General Synod – 23 & 24th April 2021** - *report by the Lay Chair attached*
 - 7.2 Diocesan Synod Meetings** – *Next meeting not until 14th July 2021*
 - 7.3 Parish Share Update 2021**) *Mike Lambert*
 - 7.4 Deanery Office Funding 2021**) *Parish Share Officer & Deanery Treasurer*
- Report attached
- 8. MEETINGS dates for 2021 confirmed as:**

Standing/Pastoral Com.10am-12 noon at The Porch Room Minchinhampton Church	Deanery Synod all at 7.30 pm	Speaker/Topic
Tuesday 21st September	Wednesday 6th October at Cainscross Church Hall	Deanery Strategic Plan Proposal

9. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Diocesan Synod** – Elections take place again this year between May and July. Detailed information will be coming out shortly – *Timetable attached for information*
At the last Synod only 4 out of the 8 lay places were filled. Can we elect 8 people this time around? Those who were members last time may stand for re-election if they desire.
(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 Elections** take place this autumn – lay members of Deanery Synod form the electorate for the General Synod Elections
- **Next meeting of Area Deans** – Wednesday 13th May 2021
- **Area Dean Sabbatical** – Sue will be on study leave from 1st June to 28th August 2021

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 May 2021.

11. CLOSING PRAYER led by the Area Dean