

There will be a **Meeting of Stroud Deanery Synod** on  
**Wednesday 9th October 2019 - 7.30pm at Cainscross Church Hall**

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**

**Presentation to Revd Pat Freeth**, following 18 months as interim Area Dean

**2. PRESENT/APOLOGIES** *as per the Registers*

**3. PRAYER** – led by Revd Kate Stacey

**4. MINUTES**

**4.1** To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 22nd May at St Laurence Church (Having been circulated previously)

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

**5. SPEAKER - Barrie Voyce - Update on The Illuminate Project**

**SPEAKER– Archdeacon Hilary Dawson**

**The Life Vision and strategic planning**

*Followed by a time for questions*

**6. DEANERY & DIOCESAN LIFE VISION**

- **Deanery Life Vision – Life Vision Party! - Saturday 9th November**  
2-5 pm All saints' Academy, Cheltenham Blaisdon Way,  
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 0WH  
*Follow the link to find out more: [Pictures\Life Vision Party.pdf](#)*

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 Diocesan Synod Meeting** –Thursday 11th July 2019

**7.2 Parish Share 2019** – Mike Lambert

**Parish Share 2020**

**Diocesan Stipend Fund (DSF)** – Area Dean

*Confirmed allocations for 2020 – See attached letter to Parish Treasurers*

**7.3 Deanery Office Funding** – Mike Lambert (Sheet attached)

**8. PARISH & BENEFICE UPDATE – Lay Chair**

- **The Stroudwater Team** – A new Team Administrator/Coordinator has been appointed – Mrs Katie Moore, working 15 hours per week from her home office.
- **Bisley Benefice** – House for Duty vacancy – Revd Helen Caine is helping as Associate Priest until Easter 2020
- **The Beacon Benefice** – Revd Janet Turville has been appointed as the new Team Rector– Licensing scheduled for Monday 4th November, 7pm at St Mary's, Painswick
- **The Stroud Team** - Revd Brian Woollaston retired on 29th September – vacancy process underway
- **Brimcombe, Woodchester & Rodborough** – Revd Deborah Curram has now moved to Hayling Island in the Portsmouth Diocese- House for Duty vacancy ongoing.

## 9. MEETINGS dates for 2020

| Standing/Pastoral Com.10am-12 noon all at The Church Office, Stroud | Deanery Synod all at 7.30 pm  | Speaker/Topic |
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| January 21st  | <u>Wednesday February 12th</u><br>Lakefield C of E Primary School<br>Frampton-on-Severn | Tbc           |
| April 28th  | <u>Wednesday May 20th</u><br>St Laurence Church, Stroud                                 | Tbc           |
| September 15th  | <u>Wednesday October 7th</u><br>Cainscross Church Hall                                  | Tbc           |

## 10. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Deanery Standing Committee** – Lay & Clergy vacancies + Parish Share Officer
- **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).  
*New lay member Julian Elloway from Minchinhampton-paperwork being finalised*
- **A practical workshop on environmental concerns** is being run, with a focus on the EcoChurch awards, for parish churches who want to get started or are already engaged and want to explore the next step. The workshop is being held on four occasions:
  - 22nd October 2019 - St Peter's Church, Newnham- On-Severn at 19.30
  - 7th November 2019 - St John the Evangelist Church, Elkstone at 19.30
  - 21st Apr 2020 - The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Blockley at 19.30
  - 30th April 2020 - St. Andrew's Church, Churchdown, Gloucester, at 19.30

The host venues are churches with a story to tell, and the events are being co-facilitated by: Arthur Champion, Diocesan Environmental Officer, Natalie Fenner, Church Buildings Officer and Cate Williams, Mission and Evangelism Officer.

Be inspired by what others are doing, ask questions and share with others who are working in this area of ministry. Contact Arthur Champion (Revd) - Tel: 01242 870402
- **Diocesan Church Buildings Team and DAC – Drop-in session**  
**Thursday 23d January 2020, 6pm – 8.30pm at St Martin's, Horsley**  
*Follow the link to find out more: [DAC & Church Buildings Team drop Jan 2020.pdf](#)*

## 11. 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 8th October

## 12. CLOSING PRAYER led Revd Sue Murray