

There will be a **meeting**
of **Stroud Deanery Synod** on
Tuesday 3rd October – 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton

Coffee will be available from 7pm in the adjoining Porch Room

1. WELCOME and introduction – Canon Margaret Sheather, Lay Chair

2. OPENING PRAYER – Revd Canon Howard Gilbert

3. MINUTES

3.1 To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 10th May at St Laurence Church, Stroud.

(Having been circulated previously)

3.2 Matters arising, not already covered elsewhere on the Agenda

- **Our Motion to Diocesan Synod re the process for filling Clergy vacancies.**
Official response from +Robert, Chair of the DPMG, circulated to Deanery Synod members 13.6.2023. (Copy attached)

- **Question from France Lynch PCC to Synods** - Difficulties in recruiting Church Officers, particularly in rural parishes

Our apologies, this item did not make the Agenda for the last Diocesan Synod meeting but has been submitted and confirmed as an item of business for November 18th.

(7.45pm)

4. 'GREEN SHOOTS' – Members are invited to share any new good news stories from around the Deanery – maybe something new that has started up in your benefice, or an existing project that might be going particularly well.

- Revd Simon Howell – Update on the 'Festival of Wonders' in St Laurence Church on 18th & 19th November 2023 Stroud Stroud Team bid for funding from the Life Development Fund

- Revd Peter Francis – Full submersion Baptism in the open air

(8.00pm)

5. THE DEANERY STRATEGIC PLAN – Update

Next meeting of the Deanery Leadership Team, 9th November 2023 *(DLT members list attached)*

(8.05pm)

6. PRESENTATION

Jennie South, Deanery Eco Ambassador – Developments across the Diocese
(Please see the attached Eco Church Questionnaire)

Followed by a time for group discussions and questions.

(8.30pm)

7. PARISH & BENEFICE UPDATE – Area Dean

- **The Beacon Benefice** – Confirmed appointment of Revd Sarah Haslam, as Stipendiary Rector of The Beacon Benefice - Institution by +Rachel and induction by Archdeacon Hilary took place on 17th September at Painswick Church.
- **Brimcombe, Woodchester & Rodborough** – Assoc. Priest vacancy to be reviewed under the DSP.

- **The Stroudwater Team** – Confirmed appointment of Revd Liz Palin as Team Rector of the Stroudwater Team – Licensing date tbc. (*Currently not the intention of the Diocese to fill the Team Vicar vacancy following the departure of Steve Harrison*)
- **The Stroud Team** – Revd Kate Stacey continues her recovery, gradually returning to restricted hours for the time being.
- **Bisley Benefice** – House for Duty vacancy, to be considered under the DSP.
- **Minchinhampton** – House for Duty Vacancy.
The DPMG are currently working on a possible solution, with a further meeting scheduled for early October, when we may know more.

(8.40pm)

8. REPORTS

8.1 – Report from General Synod - 7th-11th July 2023 – *Copy attached*

8.2 Report from Diocesan Synod – 12th July 2023 – *Copy attached*

Mike Lambert - Deanery Treasurer and Parish Share Officer:

8.3 Stroud Deanery Financial Update

8.4 Deanery Administration 2023

Please see the attached report.

(8.50pm)

9. Confirmed meeting dates for 2024:

Standing/Pastoral Com. 9.30am-12 noon all at The Porch Room Minchinhampton	Deanery Synod all at 7.30 pm <i>Coffee served from 7pm</i>	Suggested Speaker/Topic
January Tuesday 16th	February Wednesday 7th Lakefield School, Frampton	Lisa Gardner Diocesan Director of Finance, Property & Giving <i>tbc</i>
April Tuesday 16th	May Wednesday 8th St Laurence Church, Stroud	Community Engagement <i>Speaker: tbc</i>
September Tuesday 10th	October Tuesday 15th Holy Trinity Church, Minchinhampton	The Revd Canon Andrew Zihni Dean of Gloucester Cathedral

(8.55pm)

10. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lay vacancy on the Deanery Standing & Pastoral Committee**
- **Diocesan Payroll Scheme ending**
- **Next meeting of Area Deans – 21st November 2023**

(9.00pm)

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 Monday 2nd October 2023

12. CLOSING PRAYER led by the Area Dean