



Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting Minutes

Date:	Tuesday 11 March 2025, 8pm		
Venue:	Zoom		
Meeting Chair:	Rev Martin Colton (Area Dean) / Leslie Jackson		
Note Taker/Secretary:	Alexia Hartman (reigatedeanery@gmail.com)		
Attendees:	32	Apologies:	14

	ITEM	Action
1	Welcome & Opening Worship by Rev Martin Colton (St Mark's Church)	
2	Review of Minutes of Reigate Deanery Synod Meeting held on 10 th October 2024 at All Saints, Merstham. Will be signed by Martin as an accurate record of the meeting.	MC
3	Lay Ministry Ven. Carol Coslett The Ven. Carol Coslett spoke about the three types of lay ministry in the Diocese of Southwark and selection process involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed: People recommended by the parish, selected and trained by the diocese. Their ministry is nationally recognised and transferable to another diocese should they move. • Commissioned: People recommended by the parish, selected and trained by the diocese. Encourage youth and children. Attract people from outside your normal church. • Affirmed: People selected and trained within the local context, which is usually the parish. Affirmation is about publicly acknowledging and blessing the ministries people undertake within the parish eg welcomers, assistant. <p>Please get in touch with The Ven. Carol Coslett for further information on these ministries: carol.coslett@southwark.anglican.org</p>	
4	Youth work and Children's Work in the Deanery: What is happening in parishes We are pursuing youth work across three parishes, namely St Mark's Church, St Matthew's and St Philip's. Reflecting on how we can work more effectively together rather than alone, what makes ministry relevant in the 21 st century and how we might improve the way we live and function as a society today. Suggested that Youth Champions from churches to meet up and share ideas – need someone to head that up. Hoping to work with Joanna Hales in her new role since she has been commissioned.	MC / LJ



5	<p>What went well at Christmas services and events in 2024</p> <p>Share in breakout rooms and feedback</p> <p>Attendees were asked to share services and events in the meeting or to send an email to the Deanery Secretary.</p> <p>Rev. Les Wells mentioned that Rev. Kerry-Jane Evans in collaboration with Simon's Free Range Egg Farm organised a community event at Westvale Park that brought together hundreds of participants for a nativity scene.</p>	
6	<p>Deanery Updates</p> <p><u>RASJF (Chris Elliot)</u></p> <p>Chris thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak this evening.</p> <p>This year in their social justice programme Southwark Cathedral is focusing on modern slavery.</p> <p>New figures show an increase in both victims of slavery and in reporting slavery.</p> <p>If anyone has any questions or would like a talk on modern slavery please email Chris Elliot at rasocialjustice@gmail.com</p> <p>For further info on this and other RASJF work, visit: https://reigatedeanery.org.uk/rasjf</p> <p><u>Quiet Day Wychcroft 12 April 2025</u></p> <p>The Ven. Greg Prior (Archdeacon of Croydon) will be leading the Quiet Day. The invitation extends to all members of every parish in the Deanery. Places are limited.</p> <p>Save the date - 28 March 2026 for a Quiet Day 2026. Details to be confirmed at a later stage.</p> <p><u>Thy Kingdom Come</u></p> <p>We are aware that there will be one or more services in the Deanery. Please get in touch if you are holding a service or would like to join a service.</p>	
7	<p>Finance</p> <p>Finances remain the same.</p> <p>Deanery will not be asking parishes for any financial contributions.</p> <p>We will be subsidising Quiet Day. Please get in touch if you would like to donate.</p>	
8	<p>Notices (including AOB raised at the meeting)</p> <p><u>Clergy Updates / Parishes in vacancy</u></p> <p>Parishes in vacancy:</p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interim priest-in-charge, Rev. Francesca Pearlman Mitchell, has now taken her post at the Parish of Kingswood <p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- We are looking for a Lay Deanery Champion – please contact Leslie Jackson or Rev. Martin Colton for further details.- Requested that Youth Champions from every church get in touch so that we can set up a meeting to share ideas across the Deanery and possibly- Eco Champions – with the idea of sharing of resources.- Rev. Aneal Appadoo put forward the idea of directory for the deanery to support better connection and communication - Alexia Hartman to produce a list. - There is an in-person Safeguarding Course on Saturday 3 May from 10am – 1pm at St Bartholomew’s in Horley. Basic and Foundations courses will be covered with a limit of circa 25 attendees. If interested, please contact Rev. Les Wells.- Ron Searle from the Parish of Kingswood has been accredited as Safeguarding trainer can deliver training – therefore allowing for more in-person training across the Deanery. - There is a Youth Whastapp Group for youth related ideas across Reigate and Redhill – please contact Annie to be added to group.	<p>LJ/MC</p> <p>AH</p>
8	<p><i>Dates of Future Meetings in 2025</i></p> <p>Wednesday 2nd July 2025 - St Peter’s, Woodmensterne</p> <p>Thursday 16th October 2025 - St Bartholomew’s, Horley</p>	
9	<p>Meeting Closed in Prayer</p>	