

Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

For 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meetings: Church Representation rules: M5(1)(e)

Deanery Synod Meetings

The South East Derbyshire Deanery Synod met formally on three occasions in 2023.

On **31st January**, the Synod was held on Zoom and welcomed Jeremy Gowers-Cromie from Christian Aid. In preparation for efforts to move to net zero carbon emissions by 2030, Synod was encouraged in its resolve to pursue Net Zero targets by furthering our understanding of climate injustice.

The Net Zero discussion continued in our Synod of **19th June**, at St Clements Horsley, where a panel comprising John Beardmore, Sue Cavill, Matt Barnes and Stella Collishaw shared information and took several questions about energy efficiency and cleaner energy possibilities for our church buildings.

The Synod of **11th October 2023** took place at Holy Trinity Ilkeston and was the first Synod of the new triennium. It welcomed both new and long-serving members as well as elected Brian Parker as the Lay Chair and Andrew Whysall as Deanery Treasurer. Andrew succeeds Sydney Leleux, who was thanked for his several years of service in that role. We were joined by Aidan Watson, (Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry), Liz Seymour (Diocesan Board of Education), and Kate Hill plus her colleagues Abby and Emma (from Valley Cids) to explore the theme of Education and Mission through a combination of presentations and workshops.

Area Dean

Following a period of absence from Easter 2023 due to ill health, Rev Karen Padley formally stepped down from her role of Area Dean on 1st October 2023 and was thanked by the October Synod for her years of service. This vacancy is ongoing. In her absence, many of the administrative and pastoral duties of the Area Dean have been undertaken by Brian Parker and by Archdeacon Karen Hamblin.

Other Meetings

Chapter met seven times during the year (mostly via Zoom), and regular meetings were held for representatives of parishes without incumbents, to support and update them with worship resources and advice.

Deanery Administrator

Helen Bridger took on the role of Deanery Administrator for South East Derbyshire on 5th January 2023, and offers support on a range of issues to clergy, church officers and church members. Helen is a useful 'first point of contact' and can be reached on helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org or tel: 01332 278148.

Brian Parker

Lay Chair

South East Derbyshire Deanery.