

## **Deanery Synod Report to Saint Luke's Church APCM 29 April 2018-Sunny Lambe**

### **Introduction**

My apologies I have not been able to attend a couple of meetings due to other commitments, therefore, this report intends to give a brief update on the issues discussed at the meetings I have been able to attend including some general information shared.

### **What is a Deanery?**

The Camberwell Deanery Synod consists of elected parish lay and clergy representatives within the deanery catchment area. It is a collection of parishes within a defined geographical boundary of an Episcopal area which is usually jointly chaired by an Area/Rural Dean of Ordained Priests and a Laychair representing laity. Parish representatives meet about four times a year on a rotational hosting basis. Meetings chairing is alternated between the clergy and laity. It serves as a mirror of the local Parochial Church Council (PCC). Each parish can have between one and three representatives, depending on the congregational size.

### **Pilgrimage (Canterbury and Litchfield Cathedrals)**

There have been a couple of pilgrimages organised by the Deanery in recent times namely visit to the Canterbury Cathedral in Jun 2016 and Litchfield Cathedral in 2017 with another one planned for Saturday 9 June 2018. The pilgrims consist representative from Saint Luke's and other parishes across the Woolwich Episcopal area. It's a very enjoyable day out! It usually costs about £10 per head. Please see Rev Sandra or myself for more information and or just put your name down on the list on the table in the corner of the church.

### **WEAMEACC**

I have attended a couple of Woolwich Episcopal Area Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Committee meetings which are usually held at an average of six weeks interval. The meeting is open to everyone. If anyone is interested in representing St Luke's. Please do let me know.

**Encouraging Young Vocation**-Bishop Karwei is encouraging us, especially young people to consider taking up the vocation. For more information, please speak with Rev. Ian Mobsby

**Social Functions**-I attended the funeral of the wife of Revd Dele Ogunyemi, vicar of St. Silas and .....Nunhead early this year. The event was also attended by Bishops Christopher and Karwei, including representatives from other parishes across our Episcopical area.

**Thy Kingdom Come** – This is a National prayer initiative coming up between May 20-28<sup>th</sup> 2018. Churches are advised to request for resources from the Diocese or the website (**google Thy Kingdom Come**) and also to plan what we could do this year 2018

**Setting God's People Free**- This is a report from General Synod Archbishops' Council. Bishop Christopher announced the establishment of the Lay Leadership and Lay Ministry Advisory Group in Southwark. This is chaired by Anne Deering ([anne@deering.co.uk](mailto:anne@deering.co.uk)), and one of its tasks is to develop the ideas in the Diocese with focus on looking for outstanding examples of lay leadership

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and God bless.

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