

## **Deanery Synod Report for APCM April 2018**

There have been 3 Deanery Synod meetings in the past year, the first being in June 2017, that considered the Deanery Action Plan 2017-2020, emphasising – **Vocation and Discipleship**, asking “What should be our next move?” **Environment and Eco Church**, Parishes were urged to sign up for the Eco Church Survey and Award Scheme, a project strongly supported by Bishop Nicholas. **Safeguarding**. This is a must for anyone commissioned in any role, with many courses and information being available on the Diocesan web site.

The November 2017, the meeting focused on 5 headings in the Deanery Action Plan.

**Reaching New Communities.** It was essential that we were ready for the new Building Development planned for the area. Suggestions included a ‘Welcome Pack’ for new residents, investigate the proposed Community Centres use as a worship hub, liaising with developers and praying for and supporting the new families when they move in as they are our Mission field.

**Discipleship.** The Diocese would be providing a 2018 Lent Booklet on St. Marks Gospel.

**Eco Church.** Churches were encouraged to register and complete the survey.

**Safeguarding.** The results of recent inspections were very good.

**Data Protection.** It is important to get people’s permission regarding personal information before the new GDPR regulations in May 2018.

**Guest Speaker** was Revd. Sandra Tebbutt, who spoke enthusiastically about the work of the Bible Society and outlined the many resources that were available such as “Bringing the Bible to Life,” “Open the Book” and “The Greatest Journey.” Reference was made to the presence of the Society in dangerous places such as Pakistan and the Middle East, also the desperate need for pastors in rural areas in China where they can’t get a Bible.

The March 2018 meeting reviewed a number of different areas.

**Eco Church.** Churches that had not registered were encouraged to do so, in order to help achieve Eco-Diocesan status.

**Finance.** The Deanery had paid almost 100% of share including a large sum of historic arrears. The Parish Giving Scheme was recommended to treasurers and the benefits were outlined.

**Deanery Action Plan.** There was focus on Exploring and Nurturing Discipleship, Encouraging and Supporting Strong Leaders, and Learning about Vocations and Prayer. This was followed by short talks by a Lay Worship Leader, a Lay Pastoral Assistant, a Licensed Lay Minister and a description of the Ministry Experience Scheme.

**Diocesan Synod Report to Wimborne Deanery.** Reference was made to the importance to “Love God and your neighbour as yourself,” remembering that “truth, love, justice and goodness matter.” There is clear evidence of increasing problems with children’s and young people’s mental health. Social justice focused on themes of food, finance, the environment and sanctuary as there was about 3,000 refugees in the Bournemouth area.

**Diocesan Guidelines regarding information held.** PCCs must get people’s permission that “we may stay in contact with you,” and ensure that these guidelines are followed especially regarding what information is held and how it is stored.

Bishop Samuel of South Sudan was very unwell and is receiving treatment in Nairobi, and Parishes were asked to help with medical costs.