

ST LUKE'S APCM

Tuesday 20th October 2020

8pm on Zoom
(PCC to meet in Marwood Room or on Zoom)

Agenda

Opening prayer

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Re-election/Election of wardens
 - Irene Stephens as warden and Frankie Pinner and Paula Brackenridge as deputies
 - Judi Braddock and Laura Coughtrie as temporary wardens in a job share

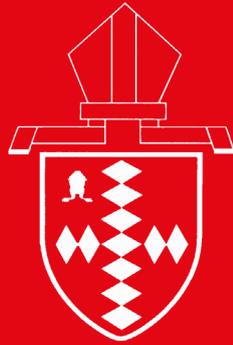
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

2. Approval of minutes of last APCM
3. Electoral Roll: Number (88) and change from last year
4. Annual reports: published on the website and also shared in Parish Communications
5. Financial report: Accounts and Treasurer's report in Annual reports
6. Re-election of Paula Brackenridge and Jonathan Turley as Deanery Synod representatives
Election of a third representative – nominations welcome (see below)
7. Updates:
 - i. Vacancy: Timeline and Parish Profile
 - ii. Services: Formats and regular visiting vicars
 - iii. Communications: Digital
 - iv. Junior Church
8. Questions
9. Closing Prayer

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

We are looking for another St Luke's representative for the Deanery Synod. St Luke's is one of 15 churches in the Richmond and Barnes Deanery which stretches from Barnes, along the river down to Ham. It is a great way of getting a broader view of the Churches in the local area and you get to vote in General Synod elections. The commitment is three evening meetings per year and reporting back to the PCC. The document below explains more and Paula Brackenridge (paulambrackenridge@hotmail.com) and Jonathan Turley (jonathanturley@btinternet.com) will be happy to chat to anyone who is interested.

Please visit the deanery website (<http://richmondandbarnesdeanery.org.uk/>) to find out what other churches in the deanery are doing.



The Diocese of
Southwark

Deanery Synod Lay Representatives Elections 2020

Walking with Jesus and getting
to know Jesus better as we journey on

Welcoming all, embracing our diversity and
seeking new ways of being church

Growing in numbers, generosity, faith and
discipleship as we grow God's Kingdom

**Making Deaneries Viable Centres of Mission
and Partners in the Gospel**



**Hearts
on Fire**

Loving God
Walking with Jesus
Led by the Spirit

What are Deaneries?

Deaneries are groups of parishes in a geographical area and form an important bridge between parishes and the wider church, including the Diocese. Churches within a Deanery work together, supporting each other and sharing resources, as well as information on Mission Action Plans and Parish Support Fund pledges.

For example, some deaneries in our Diocese are already: employing a shared youth worker, running a joint healing ministry, services and study days, organising events and training locally for lay people etc.

What are Deanery Synods?

Deanery Synods are the formal meetings of a Deanery which focus on the mission and ministry in the area as well as providing a channel for the sharing of information, with presentations, discussions and debate of the issues that matter to your local worshipping communities. The Deanery Synod comprises both clergy and lay members, i.e. those that are not clergy.

Since 2018, the Diocese of Southwark has also been encouraging the development of Deanery Leadership Teams, to provide even more opportunities for local lay leaders to work in partnership with each other and with clergy to develop local initiatives for their communities and to support the Diocesan growth objectives. This means that in some deaneries, the formal meetings of a deanery synod are covered as part of the Deanery Leadership team.

Occasionally Synods are required to take formal decisions, sometimes by means of a vote.

All licensed and beneficed clergy in a Deanery are automatically members of their Deanery Synod but crucially, there are also lay members and every three years, churches elect Deanery representatives at their Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

As well as serving in their Deaneries on behalf of their parishes, lay representatives on Deanery Synods form the electorate for the House of Laity on both the Diocesan Synod and the General Synod which is the National Synod. Elections to General Synod next take place in Autumn 2020. Becoming elected to a deanery synod is therefore significant, especially locally, but also in a much larger way.

What next?

If you're interested in becoming one of your church's representatives on Deanery Synod, talk to your current representatives, Deanery Lay Chair, Vicar or Area Dean ahead of the next elections at your APCM in 2020. The number of Deanery Synod members that each parish can have is based on the 2019 electoral rolls and is notified to your PCC Secretary.



What skills do representatives need?

Vision: for Christian faith and discipleship that is flourishing and growing the wider church - working together

Commitment: seeking God's will through prayer, listening and studying together, a heart for growth, mission and engagement across boundaries

Enthusiasm: for speaking and challenging confidently, enabling change whilst leading and encouraging others

Openness: to trying new approaches while learning from others, embracing change and the bigger picture

Effective Communicator: including a listening ear and being receptive and open-minded with the ability to share your passion, sharing inspiring feedback to your PCC and wider church family.

It is important that the Deanery Synod, as any representative body, reflects the diversity of our church congregations; in gender, ethnic origin, age, experience and church tradition and we welcome and encourage a diverse membership.

Do you have - or could you develop - some of these qualities to serve our Diocese of Southwark?

If so, think about becoming your parish's representative on Deanery Synod.

Our Diocesan Priorities

One of the key priorities for our Diocese is for Deaneries to become viable centres of mission and ministry as we work towards the Southwark Vision - including increasing our weekly attendance and the number of worshipping communities.

To make this happen, we need to make sure all the churches in our deaneries work effectively together. That means having the best people serving on and beyond our Deanery Synods and Deanery Leadership Teams - and the next elections are in 2020.

The key priority for our Diocese is for the Southwark Vision to become embedded in the life of all our Churches.

Southwark Vision - *Walking, Welcoming, Growing*

A fruitful future

We share a vision for the future in which we will see:

- growing churches, new worshipping communities and new Christians
- deepening discipleship: engaged, prayerful and informed Christians
- growth in vocations to existing and new ministries
- generous giving and prayer supporting all we do
- justice and peace built up, and violence challenged, in our local and global community
- a shared commitment to the integrity of creation
- a church for all which reflects our diverse community in membership and leadership.

What next?

If you're interested in becoming one of your Parish's representatives on Deanery Synod, talk to your current representatives, Deanery Lay Chair, Vicar or Area Dean or contact kate.harrison@southwark.anglican.org ahead of the next elections in the spring of 2020 at your APCM.