

f RICHMOND AND BARNES DEANERY SYNOD
Minutes of a Meeting of the Richmond and Barnes Deanery Synod
held on Wednesday 7th May 2014
at St. Mary, Barnes at. 7.30pm.

1 Welcome

Canon Tim Marwood (in the Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed all present including some new members of the Deanery Synod. He asked Rev'd Richard Sewell to give some comments about the Church. Richard spoke saying that there were both old and new parts to the church, it suffered a fire and parts were rebuilt so that the church was now a very versatile place and could be used for many activities and could suit many occasions.

- 2 Canon TM explained that he would chair the meeting, when a new Lay Chair was elected they would chair alternate meetings starting in October.

Election of a Lay Chair

- 3 Canon TM asked for nominations for the post of Lay Chair and Marian Mollett was proposed by Dr.Mike Springate and seconded by Susan Oliver and this was agreed by all. Canon TM thanked Dr. Mike Springate for his term of office as Lay Chair, and presented him with a book. Dr. MS thanked everyone for the support he had received during his term of office and said how important the Deanery Synod was.

Election of Secretary and Treasurer

Susan Oliver was proposed for the role of Secretary by Dr.Mike Springate and seconded by Keith Hutchinson and this was agreed by all so SMO was elected for the next 3 years. Veronica Willoughby was proposed for the role of Treasurer by Susan Oliver and seconded by Karen Boyton, and this was agreed by all so VW was elected for the next 3 years.

4 The Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to all members and these were proposed for adoption by Rev'd Paul Holland and seconded by David Shaw.

5 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

6 Diocese of Matabeleland- Presentation

The Rev'd Tom Carson (Mortlake with East Sheen) gave a presentation on the Diocese of Matabeleland accompanied by slides. He went with Bishop Richard and others – being a member of the Link from Kingston Episcopal Area - to help celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese. There was an Ordination service for 4 Deacons and Rev'd TC brought greetings from Southwark, being one of the youngest priests in the Diocese. There was a great sense of hope for the future of the parishes. Slides showed a huge procession with an open air mass – a four and a half hour service. Various churches were visited some in good repair and some half built, but services were held whatever the state of the building. There was an interesting approach to “tithing” where names were shown on boards and ticked off when payment was made. Rev'd TC put up 4 questions on the screen for consideration.

At this point members broke into groups for discussion, and the various questions were discussed.

Keith Hutchinson asked if the church did anything to help the young people. The Mother's Union played an important role. The Church tries to reach out to rural areas. Many boys wanted to be engineers and were coming out of schools well trained.

David Shaw asked about the system of "tithing", and registering ticks against names on boards.

Rev'd Paul Holland spoke about God and the gifts he gave – discovering his love and joy is a common commitment for both our Diocese and Matabeleland.

Rev'd Richard Sewell and Rev'd Tom Carson were thanked by Canon TM for their presentation, and applauded by all.

7 Treasurer's Report.

VW explained that she sent out letters, annually, to the Parishes in the Deanery Synod and that the subscriptions to pay were the same this year as last, and totalled £556. The Account was held at Barclays Bank in Richmond. £500 extra had been received from the Diocese this year to go towards the Area Dean's expenses.

8 Area Dean's Comments.

Canon TM mentioned APCM's and said that the blue forms sent to the Parishes should be sent to the Diocesan office, when filled out, and the yellow one sent to Susan Oliver (D/S Sec) for her records of the membership.

The results of Keith Hutchinson's research would be published in the autumn.

There was a Fairer Shares meeting taking place on 9th June when a new scheme would be discussed.

Canon TM brought the meeting to a close and thanked Rev'd Richard Sewell for hosting the meeting in St .Mary, Barnes. Rev'd RS commented on the persecution of Christians in some countries and mentioned a meeting advocating religious freedom taking place in June.

The Grace was said at 8.45

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2014 AT
ST. MARY'S MORTLAKE AT 7.30PM**

Signed _____

Date _____