



Harrogate Deanery Synod

11th July 2023

St Peter's Church, Cambridge Road, Harrogate,
HG1 1PB

Present 14 Clergy 25 Laity

Apologies 9 Clergy 16 Laity

Welcome The meeting was opened by the Chair, the Revd Dr Alan Garrow, Harrogate Area Dean, who welcomed everyone to St Peter's Church and to the first synod of the new Triennium (2023 – 2026)

The Meeting Opened in Prayer led by the Area Dean, Chair.

Apologies for Absence See above.

Deanery Synod Elections – House of Laity only

- The Area Dean informed the Laity synod members that Dr Sue Atkin, from St Mark's Church, had expressed a willingness to stand as the new **Lay Chair**. The Area Dean explained that Sue has had several years' valuable experience being a member of the General Synod, being Lay Chair of Chelmsford Diocesan Synod, and being a member of the Chelmsford Cathedral Chapter. The Area Dean asked members if they wished to accept the nomination. The nomination was accepted with a resounding round of applause.

Deanery Synod Elections – Joint synod

- **Deanery Synod Treasurer.** The Area Dean, informed that Mr Iain Ward-Campbell, had agreed to continue in the role of Treasurer and the nomination was readily accepted with a cheerful 'Hurrah'!
- **Deanery Synod Secretary.** The Area Dean, informed that Miss Helen Camm, had expressed a willingness to continue as Secretary, and the nomination was wholeheartedly accepted. The Area Dean explained that the Deanery is here to provide support, and respectfully asked members to respond to emails sent by the Secretary, so that information can be gathered, and decisions made in a timely fashion.
- **Joint Standing Committee.** The Area Dean informed that Harrogate Joint Standing Committee is not involved in making decisions on how money is spent; its focus is on deciding what topics and issues should be presented and debated at each synod. In addition to the Area Dean (Chair), the Assistant Area Dean, the Lay Chair, the Deanery Synod

Treasurer and the Deanery Synod Secretary, the following people expressed a willingness to join the Joint Standing Committee and were very warmly welcomed as new members.

- The Revd Phil Carman – Vicar of St Andrews, Starbeck
- Mrs Christine Jack – Parish Officer for the Environment, Christ Church, Harrogate
- Mrs Moira Keith – Member of congregation at St Wilfrid’s Pool in Wharfedale, and Lay Reader for benefice of Lower Wharfedale
- Dr Susan MacDonald – Churchwarden, Hampsthwaite with Felliscliffe and Killinghall

Minutes of the Last Meeting There were five amendments:

- Mr Justin Brett, former Lay Chair, pointed out via email, that the phrase ‘There were none’, next to ‘Minutes of last meeting’ was misleading as there were minutes, and recommended the phrase, ‘There were no emendations’, should be used instead to indicate that no changes were required (Page 1)
- Mrs Caroline Wise, St John’s, Bilton, informed the synod that two amendments were required; the first regarding the Young People’s Worker (Page 2) and the second to include the words Team Vicar position (Page 3).
- The Revd Mike Resch informed the Secretary via email that she had forgotten to mention that St Mark’s had been selected by the Church of England to be a Minster Church for Children and Young People’s ministry. The Secretary apologised and a new paragraph has been added in the ‘Good News from the Deanery’ section to provide more detail on this matter (Page 2).
- Mrs Moira Keith sent an email clarifying some the points she made regarding the work done with children, young people, and families during the pandemic in the Lower Wharfedale Benefice (Page 8).

These amendments have been made and the minutes signed by the Area Dean, Chair.

Matters Arising not on the Agenda There were none.

Deanery Synod Food Festival



St Peter’s Church, Harrogate, is very blessed to have several members of its congregation from different countries across the world.

Mrs Hannah Beck did sterling work coordinating the efforts of these members, and others associated with the life of the St Peter’s church, to provide sweet and savoury national dishes. Twelve countries were represented, and grateful thanks go to the following people for providing such delicious food:

1. Afghanistan – Nahid, language student, who will be opening an Afghani restaurant near Waitrose in August 2023.
2. Bosnia – Asim, caretaker.
3. France – Suzanne and Amand, welcomers and food ministry administrators.
4. Germany – Peternella, sides person and food ministry administrator.
5. Greece – Helen, member of the congregation and food ministry administrator.
6. Hong Kong – Sunny, member of the congregation and bell ringer etc.
7. Japan – Yoko, member of the congregation and food ministry administrator.
8. Middle East – Tescos, St Peter’s food ministry donor.
9. Norway – Baltzersens, St Peter’s food ministry donor.
10. Peru – Susie (MBE) Director of Artizan International, a mission partner.
11. Swiss – Betty’s, Peter’s food ministry donor.
12. Ukraine – Anna, a foyer-exhibitor and start-up business owner of bespoke cakes (07599 251388); please see blue and yellow Ukraine cake in photo.



The meal provided a wonderful opportunity for synod members to share a meal together whilst getting to know one another.

The Area Dean made a connection between the filling meal we share now and the heavenly banquet for which we long – a foretaste of which we experience in the Eucharist.

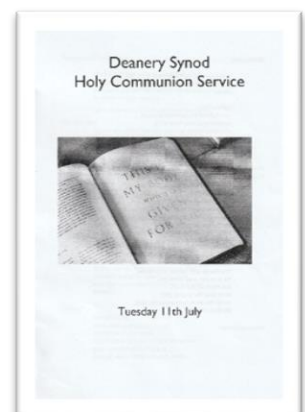
Celebration of the Eucharist

After the shared meal, the Area Dean, lead a celebration of the Eucharist.

Hymns were accompanied by John Longstaff, St Peter’s Director of Music, and the readings given by Dr Sue Atkin, Lay Chair and Miss Helen Camm, Deanery Synod Secretary.

The sermon and prayers were led by the Area Dean.

The Area Dean invited Mrs Val Lumsden, and Mrs Elaine Hainsworth, St James’s Church, Wetherby to assist in administration of Communion.



Closing blessing was led by the Area Dean who then thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and **concluded** at 8.45pm.

FUTURE DATES

- **Wednesday 20th September 2023** – St James’s Church Hall, Lackon Bank, Birstwith, HG3 2NG.
Guest Speaker: Theo Sheridan-Watts, Chief Officer, Wellsprings Together
- **Thursday 23rd November 2023** – St Andrew’s Church, High Street, Starbeck, HG2 7JE. Guest Speaker: The Rt. Revd Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds

ALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED – 7pm for 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Please send agenda items and apologies to Helen Camm, Deanery Synod Secretary
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