

Deanery Synod Report 2019-2020.

Three Deanery Synod meetings were held during this period and all were attended by at least one of our representatives who reported back to the PCC the main features of any discussions which took place and subsequent decisions made.

A new Area Dean, Rev. Julian Hartley, was licensed on 17th July 2019.

The Deanery Mission Action Plan proposals were discussed in detail and submitted to the Diocese for approval.

It was reported that the number of Deaneries is to be reduced from 20 down to 7.

As from mid 2021 the Deaneries of Walmsley, Deane and Bolton are to be amalgamated into one Deanery.

At the July meeting, a report from the General Synod was circulated. Comments expressed disappointment (from clergy and lay members) regarding the way the Diocese was being currently run and managed.

It was decided to invite Helen Platts, the Diocesan Chief Operating Officer to attend one of the Deanery meetings to discuss the concerns expressed at this meeting.

The Budget Secretary reported that all Parishes in the Deanery had paid last year's Parish Share in full.

At the July meeting, I confirmed that Rev. Canon Peter Reiss had been appointed the new Team Rector for Turton Moorland Team Ministry.

A proposal was put forward to hold Deanery Synod meetings on Saturday mornings but no decision made.

Copies of the General and Diocesan Synod minutes were made available on request.

Anthony Patten

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