

Deanery Synod Report – St Anne’s Turton APCM May 2021

The Deanery of Walmsley will officially be disbanded at the end of May 2021 and the parishes of the deanery will join with the current parishes in the deaneries of Deane and Bolton, to form a new deanery, the Deanery of Bolton, on June 1st.

The Revd Simon Cook has been appointed to be the new Area Dean of Bolton and he will be licensed on June 6th with the other new Area Deans in the Diocese.

The Deanery Synod has met virtually and the two main items for discussion were the moving to the new Deanery and the diocese’s plan to create new Mission Communities.

We hope that parishes will have real input into the process of forming Mission Communities. The diocese has said that the main work in this area will be done once the new Area Deans are in place.

By this time next year we will certainly be part of the new deanery of Bolton, and we are told we will know how the Mission Communities will be set out.

Existing Deanery Synod members will continue as members of the new Deanery Synod.

Peter Reiss, May 2021