

Wiverton in the Vale  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Monday 29 April 2019

## East Bingham Deanery Annual Report

This year I have been determined that the PCC is kept up to date as to what has been happening in terms of the deanery by providing short written reports at each PCC meeting. I hope that council members have found that helpful. This also allows me to be briefer still in terms of the report I am required to provide at the APCM. Those reports given at each PCC meeting are available to council members, the electorate, congregations and our wider church family through the website.

It would however be sensible just to note the significant events of the last 12 months in the event that any person on the electoral roll or indeed any parishioner attending the APCM wishes to ask questions.

1. Following the departure from the deanery of the Revd Bronwen Gamble Bishop Paul has appointed Revd Stephen Hippisley-Cox (The 3W's) as our new Area Dean. Post effective w/e from 1 November.
2. Revd Jon Wright (St Mary's Bingham) has been appointed to the Deanery Standing Committee
3. Parish Share. A working party established to review the allocation of the deanery share across the parishes and benefices met throughout the year and reported to the Deanery Standing Committee in 2019 with its recommendations as to how the deanery share for 2020 is to be allocated. It is anticipated that any recommendations agreed to by the SC will be put to Synod at its meeting in June 2019
4. Setting God's People Free. A diocesan conference for the laity took place in November and the deanery and the Parish were extremely well represented. We heard from Alison Coulter who has led the SGPF initiative at a national level and a copy of her presentation is attached as an appendix to this report. The conference also heard from Beth Yeadsley - principal of the Young Leaders College. In the afternoon a number of workshops were held - of particular interest to the PCC was that the workshop established to address the challenge of interregna was well attended by representatives from the parish
5. Parish Share - The Deanery Share Receipt for 2018 has now been published The Deanery paid £547,538.40 compared to 537,102.60 in 2017. Disappointingly the Deanery met just 80.1% of the amount allocated to it compared to 80.2% in 2017. Wiverton PCC again paid 100% of its allocation (£67,522.00) and on behalf of the Deanery I offer its very grateful thanks.
6. Much planning has been going on across the deanery in anticipation of the visit from Archbishop Sentamu and a delegation of northern bishops to the diocese in September. Revd Tom Meyrick (Keyworth) is coordinating the deanery events along with our parish administrator Mrs Judith Mills Wiverton is taking an active

interest and Edward Hine and Steve Gelsthorpe have both attended diocese and deanery planning events. The deanery is hoping to mount a deanery prayer walk using the route of the Grantham canal with prayer stations being held at Cotgrave, Cropwell Bishop Owthorpe Kinoulton and Hickling.

7. A second annual deanery lay reps event was held on 22 March 2019 and whilst the attendance was disappointing it proved to be a lively evening prompting a good deal of thoughtful and thought-provoking discussion. The Theme of the evening .....Are we leaving Jesus behind? The Aims of the evening were to:
  - reflect on the messages we heard from each other last year;
  - To develop our awareness of and love for each other;
  - To look at a bigger deanery picture and give us the space to reflect on how we should be serving God as a deanery;
  - To help us declutter from the politics and machinery of church parish and deanery governance allowing us to concentrate on what matters;
  - To help us understand where our deanery sits in God's kingdom and what his plans are for it.
  
8. I am pleased to say that I have managed to persuade a good friend of the deanery to become its new treasurer although rules of confidentiality do not allow me to report any more until the new treasure is officially voted in at our next Synod in June.
  
9. Highlight speaker at Synod this year was Dean Nicola Sullivan who came to speak to us in February about the role of the Minster and how we as a deanery and it as our cathedral might better engage with each other. The Dean posed 2 questions:
  - What do you think the cathedral is for? Does it fulfil your needs and expectations?
  - How can the Minster better connect to YOUR parish and deanery, in service and partnership?

These prompted a lively and stimulating discussion. Dean Nicola concluded her presentation by reminding everyone that the Minster is their cathedral and they will always be welcome.

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