

Deanery Synod Report for 2018 by Marion Egerton.

The Deanery Synod met 3 times in 2018, in February, June and October.

Matters discussed were:

Finance: The parish share - for clergy training, stipends, housing etc. Parishes now pay their own insurance.

Lay training: There is now an authorised lay ministry course called Setting God's People Free.

The Year of Prayer in 2018 and year of vocation 2019: Study material produced and courses run.

The Chichester Homeless Project: Run in conjunction with City Angels to engage with homeless people and provide accommodation. 15 churches are involved, helping 90 people. More volunteers are required and training is given. Stone Pillow is a separate organisation providing more long- term needs.

Family Support Work: This diocesan organisation supports vulnerable families. There is a 5- year plan for developing workers in all deaneries.

Safeguarding: Training is now on line, as well as courses run by the diocese at various churches. All parishes should have completed level 1 by Easter 2018. Copies of the minutes of all meetings are available for those who wish to see them.

I am resigning as deanery synod representative after this meeting. Pauline Young has volunteered to stand to election to this post.

We are entitled to 2 representatives, so there is another vacancy.

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