

## **Report on Deanery Synod Meetings 2015**

There have been fewer meetings during this past year due to the inability of speakers to attend on our proposed dates and also due to the Deanery having invited Libby Lane to speak, long before she was appointed as Bishop of Stockport. On her appointment her whole diary was cancelled!

The first meeting of the year was held in March. The Chester Archidiaconal Mission and Pastoral Committee (CAMPC) had asked all deaneries to present a report on work with children and young people within the Deanery. The Rural Dean gave a very brief summary of how the report was presented and received by the Committee and it was then discussed by Synod.

In September there was a Deanery Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Blacon where we were warmly welcomed by Rev Tina Upton. Not a particularly well attended meeting but we had a fascinating talk from a Street Pastor. His talk was illustrated by all the items from his rucksack. It was interesting to hear about what being a Street Pastor entails and some of the anecdotes were really heart-breaking. However it was inspiring to hear how Christianity reaches onto the streets of Chester and is mostly welcomed amongst those seeking to enjoy themselves on their night outs. Many parishes, including All Saints', are represented on the team of Street Pastors. We were reminded to continue to pray for those involved in this very valuable ministry to our City. The November meeting was then cancelled due to the difficulties with speakers mentioned above.

In the Deanery meetings we are also told of changes of clergy and we get reports of conferences that anyone has attended on behalf of the Deanery. There are 21 parishes and 24 places of worship in our Deanery.

On Sunday 13 November 2016 there will be a Deanery Eucharist at St Mary's Handbridge with The Right Reverend Libby Lane Bishop of Stockport preaching. All welcome.

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