

Wotton Deanery Synod Report for the year 2017-2018

Four meetings of Synod were held over the course of the year at Blue Coat School, Wotton.

Presentations were made by

The Area Dean on L.I.F.E. and how the Deanery Synod would share this with each other.

Stephen Youngs on Abundance and Mission shaped Ministry

Rev'd David Bowers on the Diocesan partnership with Dornakal and Karnataka Central Dioceses, Bishop Rachel's visit and the youth trip.

Chris Andrew – Sports Ministry, how faith can be taught through sports in schools.

Matt Waterfield and Katrine Musgrave spoke on Christian aid projects, Christian Aid SALT network and Global Neighbours

L.I.F.E. updates – throughout the year updates were shared with Synod. Members of Synod were Vision Ambassadors. Several videos were watched throughout the year about L.I.F.E, all available on the Diocesan website.

Finance

The Deanery had been able to send the Diocese more than expected monies for Parish Share 2017. The Deanery had been successful in its bid application for £7,000 for 2018.

The Deanery aggregate Parish Share for 2018 is £755,000, from which can be deducted a rebate of £13,000 from the Diocesan Stipend Fund reflecting relative socio-economic factors across the Diocese and a further £7,000 from the DSF in respect of the Deanery's bid for support for small/rural parishes. This leaves £742,000 to be split across the whole Deanery for Parish Share, which results in a uniform 4.8 % increase for most benefices. Of the £7,000 Deanery bid money the working party of Treasurer, Area Dean, Lay Chair and Assistant Area Dean agreed the following targeted support: Badminton - £600, CroFT - £3,500, Tyndale - £1,800, Sharpness and Slimbridge - £1,100

Triennial Elections took place at the May meeting for June 2017.

The Deanery website was updated this year and can be found www.wottondeanery.org.uk