

DORCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the seventeenth triennium held on Thursday 9 May 2019 at the Kingston Maurward College.

1. **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

The Rural Dean opened the meeting with a prayer of Julian of Norwich and welcomed our two visiting speakers, Heather Bland and Revd Sandra Tebbutt.

2. **Safeguarding**

Mrs Heather Bland, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, gave a Powerpoint presentation on the requirement for all PCCs to have a Safeguarding Policy. A summary of the presentation is attached together with a guide for PCCs and Church Wardens. The latter will benefit particularly those who were unable to attend this synod. Further information and contact details may be obtained by means of the Salisbury Diocesan Website using this link: <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/parishes/safeguarding> This link also enables you to connect and register for On-Line training which is required for all PCC members. Further training will be required for CWs and other roles.

3. **The Bible Society**

Revd Sandra Tebbutt introduced the work and mission of the Bible Society. A summary of her talk with on-line links is attached

4. **Minutes of Meeting of 11 October 2018**

These were approved and signed.

5. **Matters Arising**

There were none.

6. **General Synod Report**

Revd Thomas Woodhouse sent his apologies but reminded members that a comprehensive summary of the last General Synod had been circulated. Stephen Musgrave (*Hilton*) said that he had noted the call for action to reduce our environmental impact but wondered whether measures might be put in place to facilitate faculty procedures in such cases. The RD said that conversations were taking place at Diocesan level and the Diocesan Secretary would welcome his support.

7. **Financial Matters**

Michael Clarke (*Treasurer*) Reported that there had been no income or expenditure in the past year so the balance on the accounts remained at £311.32. He also asked that members ensure that PCC treasurers be reminded that a copy of their annual accounts must be submitted to him as soon as possible after the APCMs. An email copy will suffice.

The Rural Dean said that several parishes have yet to submit their annual 'Fairer Share' count which was due at the end of April.

8. **Any Other Business**

Divorce Care Group: Revd Dominic Doble reported that the group had met the people who run the 15 session course in Taunton and that they had introduced them to the reasonably costly material. Due to the limited interest and our catchment, they feel it would be best to recommend it for consideration to Poole and North Bournemouth Deanery.

9. **Closing Worship** was led by Revd Mark Philips, Vicar of Charminster and Stinsford.

ATTENDANCE

	Present	Possible	Apologies
House of Clergy	4	21	3
House of Laity	22	48	5

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1 October 2019 at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Cerne Abbas

Standing Committee:

Wednesday 5 June 2019 at 10.30 am at The Vicarage, Back Lane, Cerne Abbas

Monday 4 November at 10.30 am at the Vicarage, Back Lane, Cerne Abbas