

Southern Ryedale Deanery Gathering

Tues 11th Feb 2019 7.00pm

St Michael's Church, Malton

1. Opening worship – 'The Sower'

2. Business:
 - Minutes and matters arising
 - Finance (including a vote on amount from benefice to deanery funds)
 - Important dates
 - New Archbishop of York
 - Past Care Review

3. Hand over for lay dean

- 5 min break

4. Where is our deanery heading?
 - Deanery priorities for 2020 and beyond
 - Feedback (enclosure 1) and proposal for Summer Resource Day

5. Come and See

6. Thy Kingdom Come

7. Closing worship

Minutes of the meeting of Southern Ryedale Deanery Gathering (Synod)

Tues 24th Sep 2019, St Michael's Church, Malton

In attendance: Revd Chris Wingfield (CW) & Jo Bowden (JB) in the chair, Revd Martin Allwood, Trish Atkinson, Barbara Borrett, Andy Bowden, Margaret Clark, Revd Glyn Diggins, Maureen Diggins, Roland Firby, S Galley, Marian Grinrod, Jacqui Gunter, Wendy Holman, Caroline Jones, Mrs E Jones, Beryl Lowe, Janet Nicholson, Daphne Rose, John Rummel, Sue Teal, Stephen Walker, David White.

Apologies: Keith Accomb, Martin Boothroyd, Barbara Grice, Rev M Hall, Delyth Harran, Rachel Hirst, Alison Hutchinson, Andy Hutchinson, Jane Ramsden.

1. Welcome

CW welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened in prayer. He invited members to hold Alison Hutchinson's mother and Martin Boothroyd in prayer.

2. How does your garden grow?

JB invited members to reflect upon the Parable of the Growing Seed (Mark 4: 26-29) in the light of the discussions at the previous Gathering. In the conversations that followed the following points were made:

- Someone had to scatter the seed
- We needed to put effort in
- Maybe we should leave some areas to go wild
- Bulbs already had life within them
- A £3 packet of seeds turned into a beautiful crop
- Sometimes it was about getting the best crop from the soil you had. This might take hard work, weeding and watering
- We needed to rest but we also needed to show up
- It took time, maybe 5 years
- We needed to build on our strengths
- We should not try to mould people
- Over-pruning would kill the plant
- Sometimes we focused too much on the shed and not the garden

JB then invited members to discuss in groups what had been growing in the deanery in their respective 'parish gardens'. The following examples were shared:

- Street Parishes had set up a new home group and were planning an austerity lunch. They were keen to hold a benefice lunch once a month
- In the Harton benefice Rachel Harrison had stepped up to champion Messy Church which had led to a new post being created funded through donations. This had reinvigorated relationships with the schools and founded a play and pray group. They were also holding a festival of light for baptism families.
- In Malton there were more young people attending church as a result of occasional offices. Messy Church was growing. St Mary's had seen an increase in visitors/pilgrims and were attracting new people who wanted a BCP church. This was a good example of playing to your strengths.
- In the Wolds Valley, they were holding a united harvest benefice service on a farm for the first time which was an excellent example of the parishes working together. Prior to that each parish had done its own service. The Wolds Valley luncheon club was attracting around 40 people and the pop-up cinema in Weaverthorpe was well supported. Walking Church continued to meet three times a year. The forthcoming walk themed around autumn was on Sunday 20th October at Luttons to which all deanery members were invited.

- In West Buckrose benefice, they had held several events: a summer fair, Father's Day celebration and a harvest auction in the pub. They had sung harvest hymns and listened to a short talk on a busy pub night. This was an excellent example of creating community. CW commended this initiative and reported that Rev Nick Bird in his neighbouring benefice was running similar events such as Hymns and Pimms.

In the discussions which followed, it was noted that:

- There was much going on to be thankful for
- It was important for rural communities to make seasonal connections with their communities
- It might be helpful for networks of people to get together such as those delivering Messy Church and the Resource Days might facilitate this.

3. **What does 'growing the kingdom' in our deanery have to do with our 'mission'?**

JB informed members of the forthcoming Bishops Mission in March 2020 when 30 bishops from the Northern Province would be visiting York Diocese to support missional events. A training event on 5th October at St Peter's Church House would provide more detail. As a deanery we needed to think about how we might engage with this initiative. As an introduction, JB invited members to consider what we meant by the word mission. The following comments were noted:

- Mission was often associated with being 'shouty' on a soapbox
- A 'one size fits all' approach was often adopted
- Mission could feel like indoctrination
- It could be passionate
- It felt like it was something to be achieved
- Could mission simply be growing the Kingdom of God?
- Mission was sending out and sharing the good news
- Sometimes we needed to re-write the script – we had a tendency to think we couldn't do mission when in actual fact we were already doing it.

4. **Deanery Resource Day**

JG outlined the forthcoming Deanery Resource Day on Sat 9th Nov, 9.30am-1pm, St Peter's Church House. The morning would include three facilitated workshops in Pastoral First Aid, Children and Young People and Music and Workshop. The idea was to provide an opportunity for people who had expertise and experience in these areas to share their knowledge with those who wanted to know more. She urged members to take the fliers and personally invite those who might be interested. In the future, it was anticipated that we would invite external speakers to attend the sessions once we had a clear idea of local needs.

It was noted that it would be helpful to have more notice of such events in the future with better communications. It was hoped that the new website, hosted by St Peter's might help with this. More information on the Resource Day could be found at www.stpetersnorton.org.uk/southernryedaledeanery.

5. **Deanery business**

- The minutes were approved.
- The previous Archdeacon of York, Sarah Bullock had been consecrated as Bishop of Shrewsbury.
- The new Archdeacon of York, Sam Rushton would start in October. Her welcome service was at 11am on Sat 19th Oct at Selby Abbey to which everyone was invited.
- 'Come and See' would be held on 12th-15th March 2020 and the DLT would be discussing this in due course. The Bishop of Warrington, Bev Mason would be visiting our deanery.
- The Howardian Benefice had appointed Alison Hutchinson to be a Focal Minister at the Bishop's invitation. This was very exciting and a new venture for our diocese. Alison was currently thinking about moving her license from St Peter's, Norton to the Howardian Benefice.

- Hendrik Klaver had been licensed as the new 20-40's minister in Malton as part of the Multiply project which sought to reach a lost generation. Hendrik would be spending 10 per cent of his time with the deanery.
- Finance: DW reported that these were challenging times for many of our benefices and some had been obliged to reduce their Freewill Offering. Southern Ryedale was doing very well however, at submitting its FWOs on time.
- CW invited members to read the recently published deanery newsletter
- CW reported that Lay Dean Jo Bowden would be stepping down at the next Deanery Gathering. There was complete consensus that the deanery had been 'richly blessed' by Jo's significant and creative contribution and that she would leave a legacy. CW invited anyone expressing interest in the role of Lay Dean to get in touch with himself.

6. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 11th February 2020, St Michael's Malton.

Enclosure 1

Feedback for Deanery Resource Day, Sat 9th Nov 2019

Attendance

46, 3 apologies

Of those attending:

19 were members of the deanery (out of 43 members). The 19 included 12 members of DLT and 2 further clergy.

27 others

All parishes/benefices represented aside from Buckrose Carrs.

What did you find the most valuable about the morning?	What could we have done differently?	What would you like the deanery to do in the future?
I thought this was a move in the right direction. Subjects which are foremost and relevant and a time to share good practice.		For me it is now evident that we need to build on this taster event and give more in depth consideration to the topics. I have given a proposed idea for what could be the next Pastoral First Aid workshop to Sue and would be happy to help with it's planning and delivery if appropriate.
We found the morning both enjoyable and useful....very thought-provoking (and Rosie enjoyed it too!!). Most valuable was talking to others in a structured way....I find just 'chatting' quite difficult but having something to focus on is more productive.	This time around I think it was done just right.	On the Pastoral 1st aid workshops it was felt very strongly that many of us could benefit from a listening course. I wonder too, if this could be opened up to other churches and volunteer groups?
Probably the most valuable aspect of the morning was being amongst fellow churchgoers - many of my friends are not - and hearing positivity and confidence in their voices when they spoke of their experiences in working with children and young people. We are an aging congregation and see very few young people in church. A few people made the point quite forceably	I'm not at all sure what you could have done differently since, not having attended these workshops before, I have no means of making a comparison. There was ample opportunity for people in each	I hope the deanery goes on to hold more mornings like this one. It was so refreshing to meet new people who had conviction about their faith. I shall make a note of the next Deanery Gathering.

<p>that it isn't a question of how to get them into church - it's a question of starting where they are. The idea of walking church struck me as a good one.</p> <p>I also appreciated the willingness of members of other Benefices to invite me to their churches. I shall be following up on these.</p>	<p>workshop to exchange ideas once the subject had been introduced. I would say the format worked well.</p>	
<p>Meeting other people & networking. I have arranged to attend a Youth group which Neal is involved in, as this is an area I would like to develop in our Benefice. Also another of the attendees is coming across to our next 'Messy church'. It was positive & uplifting.</p>	<p>I felt the format worked really well. It was informal & welcoming & nice that we could attend 2 workshops. They were the right length of time. Good balance between workshop time & networking time. No obvious changes to make.</p>	<p>I liked the concept of us having all the skills within the Deanery to run 'in-house' training. I feel this would be worth developing.</p> <p>Maybe a session on promoting events? To include social media, putting fliers together (IT) etc.</p>
<p>David : Pastoral Care power point and discussions at the seminar that Sue and Maureen led</p> <p>Mandy : Hearing how in Malton a young people's group had been set up led by Andy Bowden</p> <p>Both: Being part of having fellowship in an atmosphere of faith was encouraging.</p>	<p>Please consider only doing each workshop once .By doing them twice they were more taster when greater depth would have been useful to provide strategies, e.g. :to aid a rural parish bringing in varied styles of worship. .By repeating each workshop it left a very short time to deal with practical issues at parish level.</p>	<p>Personal Evangelism and Parish outreach course to prepare for Come and See Mission next March</p> <p>Shared resources to train leaders of small groups /prayer groups starting worship group for congregational workshop with basic start up material provided. Possible offer of training at the parish sites on leading worship.</p>
<p>It was most informative and good to meet others in the Deanery to share ideas and good practice.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to find out what other churches are doing (share ideas, tips) 	<p>Have fewer sessions, but go into more depth - the time of each session flew by</p>	<p>Difficult one for me to answer - but it would be good if this were to become a regular event and</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouragement from what other churches are doing (knowing you're not on your own, nudge to try things) • Chance to get to know other local Christians better 		<p>way of encouraging, supporting and teaching each other.</p>
<p>I attended the deanery day not knowing what to expect and with no big ideas or best practise to share with the group. I had a bit of a feeling of, 'I'm not sure I've got much to give to this sort of thing but I'll give it a go'. However, having changed my choice of workshop at the last minute, I happened to sit next to someone who shared their story of the work they're doing in their church. It spoke to me so much that I suddenly realised why I was there. Because God has a plan for me. I've known that God has a plan for me for a while now and I've been putting off thinking about it. But the deanery day really got me thinking, talking and praying about it. The main aspect of the day that I really enjoyed was the collaboration. There were many opportunities to talk to others and share ideas. I realised during the day that I did have ideas to share, and the structure of the day and the way the speakers delivered their sessions allowed me to consider and share these ideas. Since attending the day, I have made plans to visit a person I met at the day to see their work in action. I have also spent much more time praying and spending time with God. What started off as a day that I thought I might get a few ideas from, turned out to be a fantastic day, brilliantly well organised with great speakers, and possibly the start of an exciting walk with Jesus. I would certainly attend a similar day again and would recommend one to a friend.</p>		