

Nottingham South Deanery 2019 Annual Report

This year we have said goodbye to Rev'd Denise Watkinson who moved to Nottingham North Deanery and Mark and Carolyn Gilmore. We have also welcomed curates Rev'd Jamie Franklin, Rev'd Tracey Byrne and Rev'd John Blakeney to our Deanery.

The Deanery Leadership Team has continued to meet during the year to plan Synod and other Deanery events. Rev'd Naomi Hill re-joined when her temporary role as a Vocations Advisor based at Jubilee House came to an end.

We held three synods during the year: 26 February, 5 June and 17 October 2019 all of which were aimed at equipping our parishes in mission to enable everyone to participate in the One Life Mission held in September and learn from it.

In February we visited St Michael and All Angels in Bramcote to begin thinking about how to have intentional conversations. We watched the TED talk '10 Tips on How to Have a Conversation with a Stranger' and Heidi Shewell-Cooper spoke on how to have a "one to one" conversation. We had the opportunity to practice what we had learned and thought about what a parish could learn from having intentional conversations. We also swore in some Churchwardens.

In June we were at Nottingham St Peter's thinking about sharing *our* stories and heard some inspiring testimonies. At the end of Synod we were invited to join with the Thy Kingdom Come Bow Down event in the market square.

In November we went to Holy Trinity, Lenton and celebrated all that happened during the OneLIFE Mission. We also spent some time sharing what we had learned and what we would do differently in the future in mission and outreach.

Rev'd Canon Steve Silvester stepped down as Area Dean and Sarah Holt stepped down as Lay Chair and Rev'd Colin Bourne and Elaine Hinchliffe were appointed in their place. We thanked Steve and Sarah for their service and look forward to working alongside Colin and Elaine.

The deanery has again paid a large percentage of its giving for ministry allocation (96.9% in 2019, compared to 85.3% in 2018). Every parish is to be thanked for their faithfulness in paying for the ministry received in this deanery

2020 is a new triennium and new Deanery Synod Representatives will be voted in at our Annual Parochial General Meetings. We would like to thank all of you for support and input over the last three years. We are in the process of producing a new Deanery Handbook which will be circulated in the near future.

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Deanery Administrator