

Carsington Deanery annual report 2020

Area Dean: Revd. Duncan Ballard

Leadership team: Revd. Carollyn McDonald, Peter Kelsey, Mike Warner, June Lomas, John Paulson.

The Deanery Synod meets three times a year: March, July, and November. The venue moves across the deanery to allow maximum participation. This year we have covered the following topics:

- News from around the Deanery (at each Synod), celebrating and supporting each other
- Diocesan and National church matters
- New ways of raising finance
- Disability awareness
- The wellbeing of our churches – laity and clergy
- Creative use of Church buildings – serving mission and serving our communities
- Peace-making in international contexts, and how lessons could be applied locally

The average attendance at Synod was 47 (out of a maximum number of lay and clergy reps of 70). The Synod in March marks the end of the current 3-year term.

Deanery Synod Elections

Your Church needs you! All of you!

Being elected by your church to the Deanery Synod means representing your churches mission and ministry at Deanery level. The Deanery Leadership team works closely along the Area Dean providing strategic leadership to decisions made by parish representatives, about resource allocation and opportunities for collaboration across your Deanery.

- Are you a keen collaborator with an eye for legislative detail and a passion for enabling initiatives to grow?
- Are you a good communicator with a desire to see your church enabled through a strong connection with congregations across your Deanery?
- Can you be help provide the bridge between your PCC and the Diocesan Synod, with repercussions at National level, making connection with General Synod debates?

Your Deanery's Synod is an important part of the structure and culture of the whole Church of England. Its meetings are concerned with seeking God's will for the mission and ministry of the church, where you are. The next three years will be very important in the life and mission of our Deanery and Diocese, and our new Bishop +Libby helps us develop a strategy for deployment and growth.

Can you bring your unique skills and gifts to this Christ-centred, prayerful role? Talk about the forth coming elections for Deanery Synod, with your PCC members or Incumbent.

*Be the Change
Be your church's Deanery Synod Rep*

HERE'S THE LOW DOWN



Each church has **Lay Representatives** that attend Deanery Synod with their church incumbent, to represent their parish.



The allocation of Lay Representatives is calculated by each **parish electoral roll** and complies with the Church Representation Rules 2020.



The Lay Representatives are elected at the annual parish meeting (**Annual Parochial Church Meeting - APCM**). Elections are to be completed no later than 31 May 2020.



Lay Representatives hold office for a term of three years from 1 July. The next **three year period** of Deanery Synod starts on 1 July 2020.



Once elected, you have the opportunity to run for **Lay Chair**; an exciting chance for strategic joint leadership and collaboration with the Area Dean.