

**Woodbridge Deanery Synod - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June Ufford Parish Hall, Church Lane Ufford IP13 6DS**

(Directions - Turn left at the stocks in front of the Church, then right and car park is on the left past the hall.)

**Agenda - Refreshments from 7.15pm**

1. Welcome – Mary Hare Lay Chair
2. Opening Prayers - Revd Mark Cresswell
3. Apologies for absence - and please all sign the attendance book.
4. Minutes of meeting of 8 February 2024.
  - 4.1 Matters arising not addressed in Agenda.
5. Standing Committee. Consider current membership.
  - Laity: Lay Chair, Secretary, Deanery Organiser Clive Willetts, Elected Rosie Evans (St Johns), Rita James (St Mary Woodbridge).
  - Clergy: Rural Dean (vacant), 2 clergy to be nominated/rotated by chapter.
6. Financial update: Clive Willetts.
  - 6.1. Financing the hire of venues. What funds do we have or need?
7. Diocesan Synod Elections. Nominations to be received by 14 June, Clergy to Mary Hare, Laity to Rev Mandy Reynolds. Forms will be available at the Deanery Synod meeting or bring your form for signing by proposers, seconders.
8. Vacancy in See on the retirement of Bishop Martin in February 2025. See attached letter on how to take part.
9. Resolution submitted by Burgh PCC – (See attached paper by Rebecca Chapman of General Synod for informed background information.)

"The Burgh PCC while abhorring any form of slavery or coercion past or present is concerned by further calls for the CofE to pay reparations for activities that while the church did not undertake it has indirectly benefited from. It is of the view that further payments should not be undertaken. The PCC requests that the Woodbridge Deanery Synod considers this resolution and passes a similar one asking the Diocesan Synod to do the same."

Decision: Does Synod agree to send this resolution, or an amended resolution on to Diocesan Synod for discussion?

10. Parish News
11. Future Deanery Synod 2024 Dates: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October
  - 11.1 - Deanery Synod Meetings - At the request of the clergy, all Deanery Synods are held on Thursday evenings rather than being rotated through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This means that the same lay representatives who have regular Thursday evening commitments always have to give up their Thursday commitment instead of it being shared over the year. Should we reconsider this?
12. AOB
13. Closing Prayer - Revd Mark Cresswell

**8.50pm - Meeting closes**