

Woodbridge Deanery Synod
Annual Report March 2022-March 2023

Rural Dean: Ven. Annette Cooper (up to end November 2022): Lay Chair: Mrs Mary Hare

Deanery Organiser: Mr Clive Willetts: Deanery Secretary: Mrs Linda Cooper

The Deanery Synod met 4 times.

1. 23rd June 2022, Butley Village Hall

Exploring the Fifth Mark of Mission: A presentation by Rev. Canon Mark Haworth.

‘to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth’

The Synod was reminded to Teach-Tell-Tend-Transform-Treasure.

The Diocesan website was referenced for a wealth of helpful information at

<https://www.cofesuffolk.or/for-parishes/your-church-and-the-environment/>

Deanery Parishes were encouraged to get involved with **A Rocha UK’s Eco Church Scheme**

Deanery Pilgrimages: 2 walks were available on the Deanery Website.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees locally was encouraged.

2. 13th October 2022, Hasketon Village Hall.

Ministry Road Show: Led by Revd Stuart Batten: Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

Pilgrimage: A successful pilgrimage had taken place on 24th September beginning in Great Bealings and finishing at Eyke.

3. 17th November 2022: Melton St Andrews

A happy synod review and social gathering with home cooked meal was enjoyed. There was time to socialise and talk.

Ven Annette Cooper (retiring) was gratefully thanked for all the hard work she had undertaken as Rural Dean over the last 2 years helping the Deanery through multiple clergy appointments, updating parish inspections post-covid and setting the Deanery on a course for the future.

4. 2nd February 2023: St Felix, Rendlesham.

Growing Younger: Diocesan Children’s and Families Officer, Mrs Hilary Wadsworth-Sewell and her colleague Mrs Barbara Norburn, Licensed Children and Families Minister gave a presentation. Non-Synod members interested in Children and Families work were welcomed.

Deanery and Parish Share: Clive Willetts thanked and congratulated all for achieving 100% Parish Share.

Eco Church and Website update; Rita James gave a presentation. Parishes were urged to aim for a Bronze eco award in the next year.

Signed : Mary Hare, Lay Chair

28th February 2023