

Deanery Synod Report 2023

Two members of the PCC sit on the Christianity Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link to the churches around us and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the Diocesan and General Synod.

There were two meetings in 2022, both at St Marks Church.

In May, the main part of the meeting involved a panel of six invited speakers, talking for up to five minutes each answering the question, "What do you mean by mission and what are you doing about it?". The presentations were followed by discussion in eight groups and questions to the panel.

In a brief report the Area Dean spoke of navigating our way out of Covid and deciding the "new normal". In attempts to be upbeat we should remember those people still grieving their differing losses and try to develop a theology of hope.

In October, the meeting heard two presentations, one from Whipton and Beacon Heath Parish and the other from St Matts, on "revitalising a Parish".

Whipton and Beacon Heath

Carl Robinson and church member Matt explained how the revitalisation was planned with a 'grafting' team of 20 sent from ENC in July 21 who would work with the long-term church members. They shared photos of their first meetings and more recent activities.

St Matt's

Ed Hodges told how the diocese invited him and his family in 2019 to lead St Matt's as a Resource Church. Marks of a resource church are being designated by the Bishop, working strategically, developing leaders and developing resources and to grow and encourage others to grow.

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