

Deanery Synod Report for St Michael's APCM Sunday 24th April 2022

Report on two meetings:- Wed 7th July via Zoom, and Wed 13 Oct at Lord Haldon Country Hotel Dunchideock – lovely to meet in person again.

On Wed 7th July the zoom meeting welcomed the **Speaker Carolyn Keep**, a Methodist local preacher since 1965. She gave a potted history of Methodism, and with some slides compared and contrasted the workings of the Methodist Church and the Church of England, using her own experiences.

A new Deanery Treasurer was appointed, William Halse, and it was hoped that online banking with Lloyds bank would now be progressed.

On Wed 13th Oct we met at the **Lord Haldon at Dunchideock**, a very pleasant change.

The Rural Dean welcomed our own Rector Rev Carol Green to the Deanery, and Rev Eleanor Oelmann (Assistant curate to Teign valley/Haldon Hill), also Rev Patrick Parks as Associate Priest for Starcross and Kenton with Mamhead.

The RD welcomed the Speaker – Rev Pete James, on ‘Vision and Progress of St Basil’s’

St Basil’s is a Rural Church Plant at Windout Farm near Tedburn St Mary, and though Pete was licenced by the Bishop of Exeter in 2020, after many discussions since 2018 involving Bishop Robert, Bishop Jackie, and Deanery clergy, they went public during Easter 2021.

It provides a different expression of Church which is reaching many new people, both local, from Exeter, and from outside the area. They reach out particularly to young people not going to church, and have grown from 23 people last Easter to 160+ members, with 63 children listed. St Basil’s is funded by its own income generated from within.

St Basil was a 4th C Bishop of Caesarea, one of the earliest Christian ‘Social entrepreneurs’, who set up a soup kitchen, medical care and training opportunities, showing compassion and care to all, to break the cycles of poverty.

Pete described some of the logistical challenges of having St Basil’s based in a barn on a working farm - he is supported by a small team, and it is very much a work in progress, but remains exciting.

Finance Report. Will Halse reported progress onto online banking, and the accounts showed nothing going out, so it was agreed there would be no subscriptions charge for 2022 and 2023.

DHCT report. The Kenn Deanery had 7 churches participating this year (so far), disappointing but understandable in these times. St James Teignmouth was greatly commended for holding their 200th Anniversary on that date, Sept 11th, and also fundraising for DHCT.

Carbon Footprint Rev Ruth Frampton mentioned the footprint tool, ECO Church, available on the diocesan website with a form to help PCCs look at how to reduce carbon. This should be going on the PCC agendas.

Living in Love and Faith discussions – the course here is under way, being held at the Rectory.

Children and Young people. Claire Johns noted that we should be working out how to do things differently than before the Pandemic, resources are available online.(Messy,Muddy, Seedlings etc)

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Di Perryman and Liz Whitty