

Stronger together, working in unity to grow our Lord's Church

Introducing Leatherhead Deanery

The Leatherhead Deanery is a group of 12 Parishes in the wider Leatherhead area covering a population of approximately 75,000 of whom about 2,000 regularly attend our churches on Sunday. The *Deanery Synod* is a forum for both lay and clergy representatives of the Deanery.



What does Deanery Synod do?

We meet three times a year on a Wednesday evening, mainly to address issues of relevance to the work of the local churches, and sometimes to share in the decision making of the national church. We see a strong role for Synod members in enabling the work of the local churches and supporting each other in our collective efforts across the Deanery.

Who *can* be a member of the Deanery Synod?

All local licensed clergy are automatically members of the Deanery Synod. The number of lay members is determined by the number of people on the Electoral Roll of each church in the Deanery, with each church agreeing at its Annual Parochial Church Meeting who will serve as members of the Deanery Synod for a period of three years. Deanery Synod members are also automatically members of their own Parochial Church Council (PCC) although they do not need to be on a PCC prior to being elected on to Deanery Synod.

Who *should* be a member of the Deanery Synod?

Those who serve should have a reasonable awareness of what is happening in their own church and also a willingness to report back to their own church relevant matters from the Deanery Synod. We particularly welcome members who are willing to engage in critical thinking concerning how the Deanery can best support the work of the churches. There may also be a role for Deanery Synod members in helping to implement the actions arising from the work of the Deanery Synod.

How is the Deanery Synod led?

Leadership of the Deanery Synod is shared between the Area Dean and the Lay Chair. In order to progress the work of the Synod between meetings, a Leadership Team is being formed which will comprise both clergy and laity and which will meet between each Synod meeting.

Still interested?

Why not speak with your local clergy or current lay members? The current Area Dean (Alan Jenkins: alan.jenkins@stnicolasbookham.org.uk) and Lay Chair (Bill King: w.king7@ntlworld.com) would also be delighted to talk further with you. As with most of our Synod meetings, the next meeting is open to all. Bishop Andrew is joining us and will be discussing our Deanery's role and priorities. Please come along to find out more at **7.30pm on 4 March 2019 at St Giles' Dell Centre, Park Lane, Ashted, KT21 1EJ.**