**Deanery Synod Report 17th October2018**

The meeting held at St Clement was chaired by the Rural Dean, Canon Lynda Barley.

The meeting opened with Canon Alan Rowell singing, as a taster, the first chapter of Mark’s gospel, which he is offering free of charge for any church

**MMF Parish Allocation 2019**

Rev’d Marc Baker, chair of the Deanery Development Group (DDG), explained that deaneries will in the future be responsible for raising the full cost of ‘ministry’ in their deanery. Currently in Powder Deanery there is a shortfall of £120,000 between parish contributions through MMF and full ministry costs.

The diocese had also ruled that the total ministry cost must be allocated to parishes. This will lead to an increase of 23% in the MMF ‘call’ across all parishes.

The DDG proposed that the increase be shared equally between parishes, this would then be adjusted by four factors; unrestricted income, unrestricted reserves, authorised ministry cost and average church attendance in October (a figure all churches are obliged to record).

This proposal was passed nem con despite no parish inquiring how it would affect them.

**Deanery Development Plan**

The Rural Dean reminded the meeting that all deaneries would be expected to produce a Deanery Plan, to show how the deanery would develop, how the budget would be balanced and growth of ministry in the future.

The Standing Committee suggested dividing the deanery into four groups, Roseland, Probus Truro and finally the ‘others’. It was stated by the Standing Committee that to balance the budget at least two ‘Full Time Equivalent’ clergy posts would need to go.

To achieve this it was suggested Truro group clergy be reduced by one FTE, Probus by2/3 and Roseland by .2 FTE (it is recognised this does not add up to a full 2.0; discussions are not so precise at this stage).

The meeting agreed that parishes have until December 1st to consider these proposals and to submit their conclusions to the DDG.

**Rural Dean’s Report**

The Rural Dean reported that Revd Jill Edwards and FR Chris Epps would be retiring before the next synod meeting and thanked them for their dedicated work in their parishes and the deanery.

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