

SYNOD REPORT for APCM 2020 held on 22nd November 2020

Reps: Antony Aitken, Mrs Jenny Peabody

Bradfield Deanery during 2019: **Area Dean:** Revd. Heather Parbury

Lay Chair: Chris Newman, **Treasurer:** Chris Goodchild, **Secretary:** vacancy

Meetings took place in March, June (AGM) and October

Each meeting has the “usual business” and reports, plus a presentation by guest speakers.

Events & Reports-back: An away-day conference between Newbury and Bradfield Deanery to discuss common problems and a way forward: The A.D. stressed that there were no plans to join the Deaneries. The follow-up report at the June meeting said that not a great deal had come from the day, but we shared common problems such as lack of volunteers, numbers, and finance.

Mission Action Plan Preparation: A presentation and discussion on the Common Vision for Discipleship considered taking Christian faith into everyday life.

The October meeting had two speakers and considered pressures on our schools and young peoples’ mental health in today’s culture.

Revd Heather Parbury moved on to a new parish in October, and Revd David Archer is now Area Dean **and** we have a Deanery secretary at last.

2020: St. Mary’s provided the requested information about our efforts towards the 5 focus areas in the 2020 Deanery document which has now been published.

Two synods on Zoom in June and October were successful and agenda items considered “usual business” and also gave opportunity for feedback on problems parishes have encountered since March 2020.

Jenny Peabody