

STOURBRIDGE DEANERY



Benefice Facts:

The three rural churches in the Benefice are-

Holy Trinity church,
Belbroughton
www.belbroughton.com

St. Mark's church,
Fairfield

St. Leonard's church, Clent
www.clent-worcs.co.uk

There are some 300 church
attenders - from a
scattered population of
5,000 - and the Rev.
Mapley and Lay-Reader
Pauline Jones cater for
their spiritual needs

Please inform your P.C.C. about

- #1
Day of Fasting & Prayer
- #2
Mission activities at Pedmore
- #3
What's happening in other parishes
- #4
Diocesan Assembly
11th-13th July '08
- #5
New Rural Dean -
Rev. Andrew Hazlewood
- #6
The work of the
Diocesan Youth
Council
www.worcesterdyc.com

SYNOD REPORT

Notes from the last Synod Meeting

www.stourbridgedeanery.org.uk



2007 ~ JUNE 13th Meeting

Issue: 11th October 2007

Belbroughton

More than 30 people attended the meeting held at the historic Village Hall in Belbroughton,



which was hosted by the Rev. Barbara Mapley - Rector of the United Benefice of Clent and Belbroughton with Fairfield.

[#1] The meeting heard of the very successful and uplifting Day of Fasting and Prayer held at Oldswinford which centred on the theme of reconciling the different ideas about church finances which there were in the Deanery.

[#2] The interesting Mission activities at Pedmore were explained; including visits from touring theatre groups, the involvement of the school with the life of the church, and their special 'themed days' - which

draw attention to the various organizations which they support.

[#3] Interregna; the present situation was outlined:

Amblecote - the living has been suspended pending central area re-organization:

Broome-Blakedown-Churchill - the Bishop may suspend this living:

Wollaston - is still having its services covered while various Covenant meetings take place.

[#4] Rev. Mel Smith showed the DVD video, sent to all PCC secretaries, which publicizes 'Living the Life' .. the Diocese 2008 Assembly. The chosen theme is to be "The Six Hallmarks of the Christian Faith"

In attendance will be:
[Archbishop John Sentamu](#)
Geraldine Wolfe (founder of 'Centre Point')
Susan Hope ([Sheffield Diocesan Missioner](#))
Have you screened your DVD to your congregation ?

Places at the Assembly are limited and applications need to be made through the Deanery.

[#5] The Rev. Falshaw announced that he would be stepping-down as Rural Dean as from August 1st.

We now know that his replacement is to be the Rev. Andrew Hazlewood
The Rectory,
Pedmore Lane,
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who will Chair the Synod alongside John Nicholson.

The next Synod meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday 11th October, at St. John's, Hagley.

Correspondence regarding the meetings should be sent to the Secretary:

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DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL [#6]

Starting with an act of worship, the meeting was introduced to the work of the Youth Council within the Worcester Diocese. There were eight members supporting [Jonathan Morris's](#) enthusiastic and involving description of the events, weekends and services in which they participate. With others, aged between 14 and 25, they seek to draw young people into active

and lively participation in Christian life. Their group works alongside [Steve Martin](#), who is the Diocesan Youth Officer, and also contributes to the work of the Board of Education; re-enforcing their reputation among CofE Youth Councils as being particularly dynamic.

The Synod were given two topics to promote discussion:

'How would your congregation take to a modern 'worship' band' ? And 'How do you work with Youth in your church ?' Following feedback they concluded with performances of "Send Revival", "Here I am to worship" & "When the music fades.."

They would be happy to attend YOUR church as guest speakers to your young people.