

STOURBRIDGE DEANERY



St. John's Facts:

The Parish of Hagley.
St John the Baptist with
St Saviour.

Rector:

Rev'd Richard Newton
.. on sabbatical from
01/02/08 ~ 30/04/08

Centennial events

14th/15th June_
Flower festival + Music &
Exhibition
28th-30th Nov_
Celebration Festival,
Eucharist & Party !

www.hagleycofe.co.uk

Next Meeting:

Wed. 25th June
Churchill Village Hall

Please inform your
PCC about_

- #1
Mission at St. Thomas
- #2
New Rural Dean -
Introductory remarks
- #3
"Called_ Who?_ Me?"
Ven. Ron. Hesketh
- #4
Publicizing Synod
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New Deanery web
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Vacant position

SYNOD REPORT

Notes from the Synod meeting



11th October 2007 Meeting

Issue: 26th February 2008

Hagley

A Synod meeting was held at 7:30pm on Thursday, 11th October, in the church of St. John, Hagley.



#1. The congregation at St. Thomas' continue to support a wide variety of charitable organizations both at home and abroad - while still paying for the roof & major repairs which have been necessary in their home building (£750,000). They maintain educational links with local schools across the entire age-range, and the vicar is also chaplain to King Edward VI College. In particular, they are focusing upon a children's project in Tanzania - which has a common bond to a

German community, which they have visited.

#2. The Synod was addressed by the new Rural Dean, Rev. Andrew Hazlewood who explained his perceptions as to the 'direction' the Deanery ought to follow - taking .. **"WE are the Deanery"** .. as his theme.

#3. The speaker for the evening was the Ven. Ron Hesketh - the Diocesan Vocations Officer.

#4. Clent Synod member Harry Grove had volunteered to produce material to assist in the reporting-back of Synod meetings to the various member congregations. The Clent website will carry copies of these Synod Reports which parish webmasters are at liberty to add to their own sites - paper copies (in various sizes) are available for distribution.

#5. Further Deanery web-based activity was explained to Synod by Rev. Hazelwood

who was devising Deanery web-pages which would include prayer requests by the member parishes - who were represented by photographs & descriptions which included service times and contact details.

Due to technical difficulties at present, access is from within the current Pedmore site - rather than through the Deanery name - but this ought to be overcome soon.

#6. Volunteers are still being sought for the position of Deanery Worker on the Diocesan Board for Mission. Mrs. Joan Coleman was voted to the Diocesan Synod Standing Committee.

Correspondence regarding the meetings should be sent to the Secretary:

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Main Topic

The idea of a "Calling" ought not to be limited to the clergy. The condition of faith throughout the Deanery - and particularly among the young - was discussed.

Case studies were examined and opportunities for demonstrating Christian concern were tabled.

What are the calls upon today's church ?

What might our response need to be ?

The Naval Military & Air Force Bible Society .. 'Serving those who serve' since 1779 .. became a charity in its own right in 2004, moving to its present offices in Portsmouth, where it is directed by a Board of Trustees under the chairmanship of Ven Ron Hesketh CB, former Chaplain in Chief, Royal Air Force.

O Lord God, who has called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet un-trodden: give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your right hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.