

Deanery Synod Report

Greater Dudley Deanery

We are members of the Greater Dudley Deanery - along with forty-four other churches - formed by the amalgamation of the former Stourbridge, Kingswinford and Dudley Deaneries; all under the supervision of Archdeacon Nikki Groake.

The 'lead team' consists of _

Rev. Andrew Sillis (St. Thomas, Stourbridge) as
Rural Dean, joined by
our own Rev. Kim Topham (St. Leonard) and
Rev. Lyn Rowson (Holy Trinity, Wordsley) as Sub-Deans.

The Lay Chair is _

John Nicholson (St. Michael, Norton)

The first Synod of 2024 was held on Wednesday 13th March at St. Peter, Pedmore; and the most recent Synod was held on Tuesday 15th October at Christchurch, Coseley, when Bishop + Martin, having organised previous debate on the 'Resource Centre' church initiative, was providing 'balance' by concentrating on local churches and their "doing ordinary things well".

This session had workshops on _

Care Home and Senior ministry	(Lyn Rowson)
Church Communications	(Sam Setchell)
Church Governance	(Judith Nex)
Community Engagement	(Kim Topham)
School & Family ministry	(Sian Morgan)

I was unable to attend this meeting due to illness.

The next Deanery Synod is on Thursday 20th March, 7.30pm at Church of the Accession, Wall Heath DY6 9AH, when

Chris Boden will be the guest speaker, leading talks about Ministry Share and 'Cornerstone'.

*Cornerstone is a new system to help parishes navigate the range of opportunities afforded by grant-making bodies –
when to apply,
what can be applied for, and
how much is on offer.*

Treasurers and finance teams would find this meeting of benefit.