

Towcester Deanery Synod 2020/21

Our Parish is currently represented on the Deanery Synod by Cathy Ratcliffe and Jennie Dott. We were elected to serve for 3 years. Once elected we are automatically co-opted onto the PCC. **Elections are due now and nominations are welcome.**

There are 3 meetings a year, held in various churches in the Deanery which stretches from Passenham to Farthingstone and from Silverstone to Blisworth and Stoke Bruerne. Parish and diocesan clergy and laity meet to hear a Bible passage and prayer, before holding discussion on Church matters and Church growth in our communities. Church finances, Data protection, etc can be discussed and it is an excellent way to learn of other churches' activities and concerns. There is always opportunity to share these, either in the whole forum or in groups.

Since the February 2020 meeting we have met via Zoom due to Covid restrictions.

Finances, Mission and Outreach have been on every agenda and will continue to be so. The Deanery is happy to advertise any parochial events on its Facebook page as well as us using our own website. We share ideas preparing for post lockdown events to meet with our communities and encourage outreach.

For example, our participation in the Scarecrow Trail and the idea of the Nativity scene outside HTD church and the Easter Bonnet Competition stem from sharing ideas discussed in both the Synod and our own PCC.

The Synod is keen to invite **all church members** to attend any meetings and participate. Attending Synod meetings ensures we, as a Church, are up-to-date with all latest Deanery activities, courses and information. We report any important matters which require action back to the PCC.

Cathy Ratcliffe / Jennie Dott

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