

## Deanery Synod Report 2022

Dunstable Deanery Synod met three times (in March, July and November) during 2022.

Safeguarding remains a standing item on our agendas to ensure that all parishes continue to have appropriate policies and officers in place and that all those who need appropriate training have been able to do this. The issue of not being able to do training online was highlighted with this being fed back to the diocese.

In addition to our regular General synod reporting from Peter Adams, our link representative; Eco Church and the Environment, we had invited speakers at each meeting:

At our March meeting, Canon Malcolm Grant spoke in his capacity as Chair, Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust, about their supporting church fabric grants and how essential it is to support their work, for example through the annual Bike 'n Hike event. Several examples of their grant awards were also presented by parishes to demonstrate how important their contribution is.

At our July meeting we were joined by David White, our Diocesan Secretary, who talked about his background including his work for the Anglican Communion; personally his volunteering with young people (which he continues to do) together with becoming a father of twins in October 2021 and his first months in post and how he saw his role and that of the central diocesan functions to support parishes. He then answered a wide range of questions from those at the meeting.

At our November meeting, Dr John Wallace gave a presentation on his Doctoral thesis – “Anglo-Catholic Church Planting” and the challenges and opportunities offered.

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