

## Amersham Deanery Synod Report 2025

The Amersham Deanery Synod meets quarterly and in person in various churches in the Deanery. Peggy Ludlow continues as the sole Area Dean, with Lawrence Tebboth (Jenny's husband) as the Lay Chair. There have been some interesting presentations and discussions this year, including updates from the General Synod.

At the June 2024 meeting, there were elections for clergy and laity representatives on the Diocesan Synod. There were 3 nominations for the clergy places, and these were accepted. There were only 3 nominations for the laity places, so they were accepted, with 2 vacancies.

Ali Cork and Janice Barrett came as guests to participate in the main discussion which was the Oxford Diocesan Synod resolution: *'That this Synod endorses the need to significantly increase our engagement with children, young people, families and schools building on Disciples Together, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ, and calls on every deanery and benefice in 2024 to develop plans and partnerships for growth'*.

Lawrence Tebboth introduced the topic using material from the Diocese, and then the meeting broke into small groups to discuss the following questions:

1. What issues are stopping our churches flourishing as all age inter-generational communities?
2. How can we best support each other across the Deanery? What Diocesan resources would help?

Rev'd Laurie Clow and Rev'd Vicky Jones presented activities in their churches to support the younger age groups.

At the November 2024 meeting the focus was on the finances of the Deanery and the Parish Share allocation, and a presentation on the discussions at the General Synod.

An additional laity representative to the Diocesan Synod was accepted, leaving one vacancy.

Julie Dziegiel went through the Parish Share allocations within the Deanery. There was a lively discussion as parish representatives asked questions to understand the allocations, but also to challenge the support costs allocated from the Diocese, and why the Diocese was not reducing its budget to reflect what parishes could afford. For the first time, there was a vote to accept the Parish Share allocations, to reject or abstain. 3 voted against, 5 abstained and the rest accepted. The minutes of the meeting also reflect the reason why our parish voted against the Parish Share allocated to us, and that we are in dispute with the Deanery.

Rev'd Jeremy Moodey provided an update from the General Synod, covering the discussions on LLF, as well as a motion to provide 36 hours rest to clergy (full time). The Deanery was encouraged to read the Makin Report, and mention was made of the Assisted Dying Bill.

Rev'd Vicky Jones and Rev'd David Whale spoke about Estate Ministry in their parishes.

The March 2025 meeting was cancelled.

Slides of presentations can be found on the Amersham Deanery Synod website. [Amersham Deanery - Home Page](#)

All Deanery Synod meetings are open, though only Synod members can vote.

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