

**Notes from a meeting of the
Norham Deanery Development Group
1.00pm, Tuesday 19th April 2016
Norham Church**

1. Welcome and introductions

Present: Ian Corsie, Victor Dickinson, Ian Hankinson, Alan Holmes, Rob Kelsey, Ann Peters, David Ratcliff

James Harvey (Development Officer for Children's and Young People's Work – North) was welcomed to the meeting.

2. Apologies

John Ayerst, Paul Collins (on sick leave), Dennis Handley

3. Notes of last meeting and matters arising

Ian H is waiting to hear back from Neil Cockling, who led a discussion on mental health issues at Diocesan Synod on 12th March, with a view to him being invited to lead a discussion at the Norham Deanery Synod meeting on 24th November.

Rob K is due to meet Rachel Wood (Local Ministry Development Officer) on 4th May, to explore the possibilities of her working with us to achieve a culture change in Norham Deanery (section D5.1 of the Deanery Restructuring Group report).

David R reported on a presentation by Jane Scott (Discipleship Development Officer) at a meeting of Hexham Deanery Synod, which had been worthwhile.

We agreed to invite Lindsey Hall (Director of Local Lay Ministry in Lichfield Diocese) to help us 'think outside the diocesan box' (as proposed at section F6 of Deanery Restructuring Group report) on Saturday 15th October.

4. Exploring the possibilities for a deanery initiative to support the Church's ministry to children and young people (sections D5.4 and D5.5 of the Deanery Restructuring Group report)

With the help of James Harvey, we started the process of reflecting on:

- What's already happening across the deanery
- What we'd like to see happening
- How we might do things differently or better
- How we might do things at deanery level that parishes might struggle to do alone
- How we might work together to support initiatives at parish level

5. Bishop Christine's visit to Norham Deanery on 17th and 18th May

We agreed a format for the Open Synod meeting on 17th May as follows:

- Refreshments and general mingling

- Everyone sits at a table of eight people, to:
 - Look through the briefing papers that we've prepared for the Bishop's visit
 - Discuss and decide on one thing to tell the Bishop
 - Discuss and decide on one question to ask the Bishop
- During the discussions, the Bishop spends some time with each group in turn
- Plenary session, in which the Bishop:
 - Speaks to all of us for 10-15 minutes
 - Receives the comment and answers the question from each table in turn

6. Preparing for the Open Deanery Synod meeting on 14th June

We agreed to ask Neil Crosbie to facilitate the meeting.

7. The possibility of a 'College of Retired Clergy' (time permitting)

There wasn't time to discuss this item. (See separate paper.)

8. AOB

Nothing to report.

9. Date of next meeting

1.00pm on Monday 27th June at Norham Church.