

Apologies from Ann, Peter and Ian.

Present Terry, Rob, Victor, Alan, Dennis, Paul, John

**Future Deployment of stipendiary clergy within Norham Deanery**

After reviewing the discussions with Peter Robinson, with its emphasis on church growth, it is recommended that:

1. It would be good for the Secretary to keep a note of any initiatives taken within the Deanery to promote good practice and growth e.g. the poverty issue, parish share initiative, reaching out into the wider community with youth activities, 'Inspiring Anglicans'.
2. An open Synod, perhaps next springtime, to give information and support discussion about possible future patterns of worship, especially in the rural parishes. Churchwardens and other interested parties to be particularly invited.
3. A possible outcome of (2) to be the setting up of a representative group to take the discussion further and to gather opinions from the parishes. This could take a form similar to the Finance Group which met about six times over a period of a year, made recommendations and then was disbanded.

**Following up the Open Synod July meeting on poverty**

The recommendations from IC were accepted and should be brought to the next Synod, particularly

1. A twice-yearly newsletter to keep the issue updated and a priority;
2. The Secretary to maintain a list of contacts with other denominations.

**Date of next meeting** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2pm at Norham Church