



St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

Report on proceedings of Deanery Synod

This year Deanery Synod has received a number of interesting presentations including a presentation from the diocese on its bid for funds from the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board which, if successful, will focus on supporting parishes in Bournemouth and Southampton and other parishes in the wider diocese which are struggling to grow. Synod also heard from a representative from the Diocese of Gloucester where some functions have been moved away from the parish to the deanery to free up clergy for ministry and mission. The Chaplain to the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Community in the Diocese of Salisbury spent an evening with Synod to share his advice on how to minister effectively to this community. The deanery also put on a study day on safeguarding and the culture of the Church of England led by the Revd. Stephen Kuhrt and a day for parishes expecting an imminent visitation.

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