

## Deanery Synod 2022

We met three times during 2022 in June, September and November.

A little bit of background Odiham Deanery is our local group of parishes within the Winchester Diocese (one of 42) that we belong to. It has 29 separate churches throughout 19 parishes and is organised within 3 benefices. We are in the benefice with St Johns at Hartley Wintney and St Mary's Winchfield.

Deanery Synod sits between the Parish and their Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Diocese (Diocesan Synod).

It has an Area Dean and an Assistant Area Dean (Angie has recently been appointed to this role) and a Lay Chair together with members of the licenced clergy and lay people elected by their own parish. It aims to be a communication channel both up through the Diocese to the General Synod and down to the Parishes.

During the year we have discussed and listened to a wide range of topics and these have included;

- Ongoing issues, the plight of the people in Myanmar who we share a Deanery link with and the support provided by our Deanery to those from the Ukraine.
- A talk from one of our representatives on General Synod.
- Eco Church, provided by our own Curate Sam Chandler.
- The Church Army and Anna Chaplaincy.
- Conflict Resolution
- Finance in the Deanery and Diocese.