**Report from Deanery Synod for the APCM 2024**

Deanery Synod started a new Triennium last April and met three times in the last year with the November meeting taking place here at St Barnabas.

The meetings have been dominated by conversations about the parish share and the synod’s wish to better understand the current allocation system. They included a detailed presentation by the Diocesan Director of Finance John Orridge on how the diocesan costs are split into deanery shares but it is less clear how this is then allocated to individual parishes. While the motion on the allocation of the parish share for 2024 was passed, a working party is currently exploring different ways of parish share allocation including an offer model. They will report back to the forthcoming May meeting of Deanery Synod.

Other topics included an address by the new Dean of Christ Church, the Very Reverend Professor Sarah Foot, and a report by the lay chair Prudence Dailey on General Synod proceedings.

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