

Deanery Synod Report 2022-2023

The deanery met twice after March in 2022 and once so far this year. The first meeting at The Shared Church in Keighley considered the cost of living crisis and what we as churches could do to help. We also considered and passed a motion from Cottingley about the support for energy costs from the government. This was subsequently overtaken by national changes.

The October meeting at Denholme Shared Church looked at communications and had interesting presentations from the diocesan communications team.

The February 2023 meeting was held on Zoom and had a presentation on the Barnabas Project by Rev Jude Smith.

I have to say that the synod meetings were all interesting and quite thought provoking

The Deanery as a whole contributed reasonably towards the diocesan share.

Mike Moss
March 2023

Diocesan Synod Report 2022-2023

Diocesan Synod has met once after March 2022 and one in March 2023.

The October meeting looked at various things including the share system, asking the Church of England to withdraw opposition to using individual cups for communion, the 2023 budget and the Barnabas project. It felt on the share changes that the Board had failed to take any decision after commissioning a report they rejected most of its recommendations. The discussion on the use of the common cup was interesting but again felt somewhat head in the sand as people didn't seem to understand that the motion was meant to assist when required rather than forcing a change on people. The financial situation in the diocese is not good and is reliant on parishes paying their share requests to ensure we can provide priests across the diocese.

The March 2023 synod was a bit of a non-event. It was scheduled for under two and a half hours and had little of substance. Paul Slater was appointed as an Honorary Assistant Bishop.

There was a report on the Linda Box case which was a fraud committed against the previous diocese of Wakefield and the Bishop of Wakefield. The legal case is progressing slowly.

There was a presentation from Bishop Toby about the Bradford City of Culture in 2025 and the plans going forward for that.

The final business was a presentation on the Barnabas project.

Both the last two items created some good discussion but no decisions were made.

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