

## URGENTLY REQUIRED - 2 DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

Deanery Synods play a vital part in the governance of the Church of England. They act as an intermediary between PCCs of each parish within a Deanery area and the appropriate Diocesan Synod. Each Synod\* provides a forum for different parishes within that Deanery Area to work together. They are made up of church clergy and elected lay members.

The purpose of a Deanery Synod is to:

- Consider matters concerning the Church of England.
- Bring together views of the parishes within the Deanery.
- Act as a channel of communication between parishes and Diocesan Synod.
- Implement decisions made by General Synod.
- Raise matters with Diocesan Synod.
- Elect representatives to Diocesan Synod and General Synod.

Our Deanery is the South Coventry Deanery, but we have long found it advantageous to work together with Kenilworth Deanery. During Covid, meetings have taken place via Zoom but normally they take place in different churches within the two Deaneries. The Church providing the venue will normally offer refreshments and then open with a short time of worship followed by a presentation regarding the Church and its current priorities. There is often an invited speaker, followed by an opportunity for pertinent discussion. All this is followed by relevant Church business. If Deanery business is necessary, then there is a separation into the two Deanery groups.

I was a Representative for several years and found the opportunity to meet with other church members, to learn of what was happening in other church fellowships and to be more enlightened as to what was taking place in the Church of England as a whole, informative and enjoyable.

Please consider putting yourself forward as a Deanery Synod Representative. Assuming that post-Covid, meetings will again take place in different churches, transport will be required. Elections will take place at our coming AGM at 7.30 pm on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. If you are interested, please let Nick Tooby or Julie, our Administrator know as soon as possible. If you would like to know more about the role contact Lesley Lee on 07970 302554. Deanery Synod Representatives are automatically members of PCC.

Lesley Lee

\* A Synod is an Assembly or Council of a church usually convened to decide issues of doctrine or other pertinent matters. (Synod comes from the Greek 'synodos' meaning 'assembly' or 'meeting')