

## **Report on Shoreham Deanery Synod for 2019 APCM**

Rev Tim Hatwell, Rector of Ightham, continues as Rural Dean, or Area Dean to give him the new title. Our Benefice is fully involved with planning the Synod meetings as we have two members on the Standing Committee, one of whom is also the Synod Treasurer.

In Feb 2018 we had a talk about Fostering and Adoption and the urgent need for good homes for the many children in care in Kent.

In June Julia Burton-Jones, wife of our new Bishop of Tonbridge, spoke about Dementia and the needs of those suffering from it. We now have Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends to provide pastoral care for the elderly.

In November, after Holy Communion for All Saints, the Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Life Events for the Church of England and member of the Archbishop's Council, encouraged us to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the large numbers of people coming into our churches each year for christenings, weddings and funerals.

On 18 March there will be a talk on Bullying by Rev Dr Lorraine Turner, vicar of St Mary's, Platt.

We have received briefings on the Diocesan Synod and comprehensive reports on the wide range of topics covered by the General Synod. For the future, we look forward to drawing up a "Deanery Mission Action Plan". Watch this space!

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