

Annual Deanery Synod Report: 2025

During the past year, Deanery Synod has continued to provide a space where churches across the Akeley East Deanery can meet for worship, discussion and mutual support. All Saints with Holy Trinity is entitled to three lay representatives; during the year these were Deb Green and James Badger, alongside the clergy licensed to the deanery.

Deanery Synod serves both a governance and a relational role within the Church of England. In governance terms, it forms the electorate for Diocesan and General Synods and undertakes other responsibilities as required. This year, it also offered a useful forum for discussion during the formation of the Minster Community, even as Synod has had to reflect on its place alongside newer, Minster-specific networks.

By gathering members from each local church, Synod helps to sustain relationships across the area and fosters a shared community of practice. Meetings provide opportunities to hear what is happening in different parishes, to offer prayer and encouragement, and to share ideas and celebrate successes.

There was a change in leadership during the year, with Andrew Race leaving the Diocese in October and Colin Resch, Vicar of Mountsorrel, taking up the role of Area Dean.

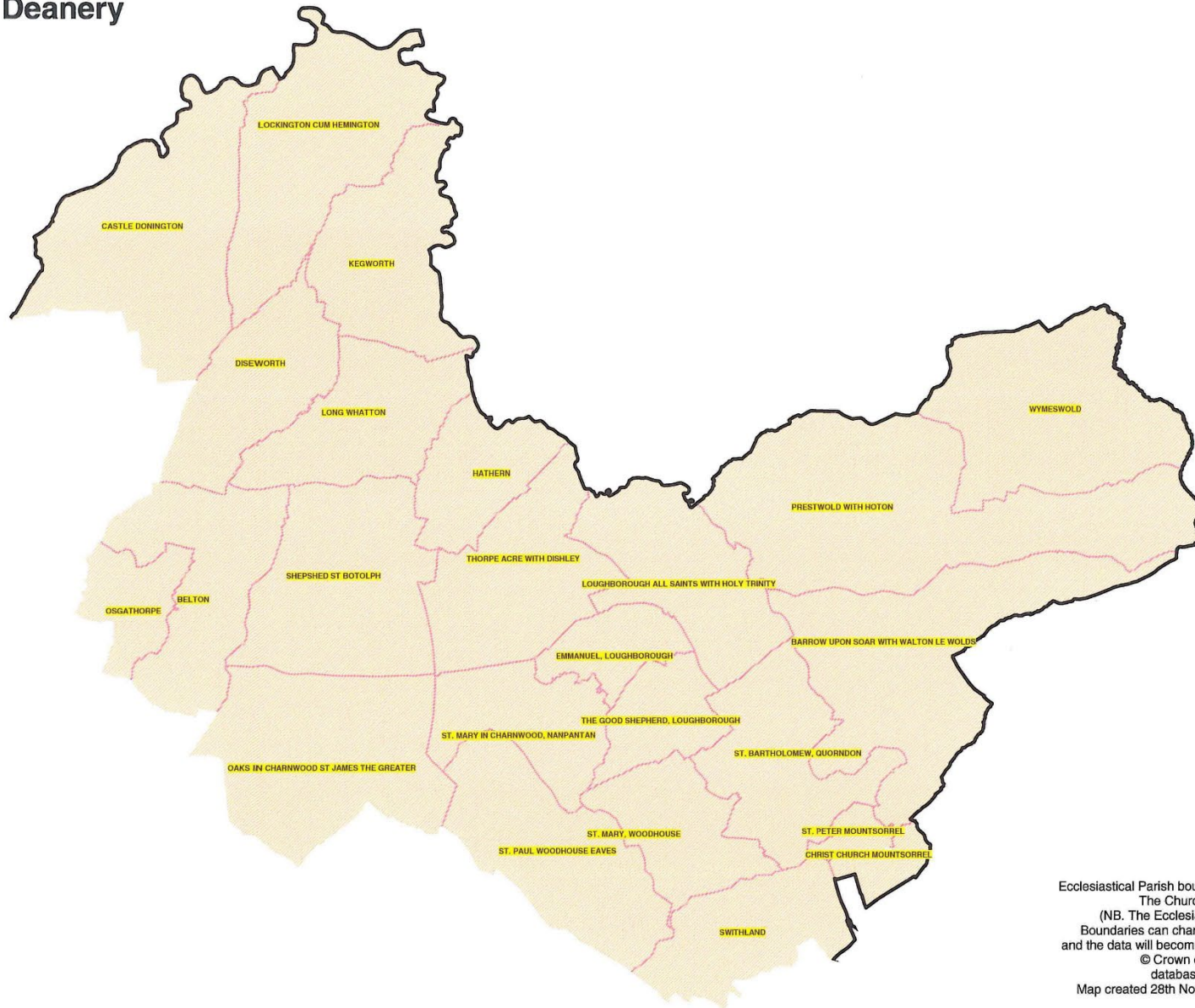
Deanery Synod met three times during the period. Each meeting began with worship, followed by a presentation and discussion. Topics included Net Zero and carbon sustainability, the life and ministry of the Cathedral, and the development of intercultural worshipping communities.

James Badger and Deb Green

January 2025

For reference, the Deanery map can be found below.

Akeley East Deanery



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