

## **Deanery Synod to the Old Sodbury APCM on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

During the year 2025-2026, I represented the Old Sodbury PCC at all 3 meetings of the Wotton-under-Edge Deanery Synod at which the following points were discussed:

Parish Share – the new process for calculating this was discussed at every meeting and the general impression was that most parishes are satisfied with the result.

Deanery Operations Officer – Claire Coleman has been appointed to this new deanery office for assisting the deanery and individual parishes with progressing new projects. Her salary and costs are being funded centrally by the Church of England. At the moment she is working with our Rector on a project to create the Tyndale Trail which will be a new pilgrimage trail linking parishes in the deanery connected with William Tyndale.

Bishop of Gloucester Deanery Visit – the plans for this were agreed with the Deanery Synod and it is understood that this went well.

Buildings Manual – the plans for this had been discussed by the Deanery Synod in the previous year and at the last meeting of the Deanery Synod this year, the first edition of this manual was presented. It enables the parishes to record important details about the buildings for which each PCC is responsible such the location of the water supply stopcock and the electric power supply and also details of service contracts and local contractors as well as providing guidance on the maintenance of the fabric and other assets. A copy has been sent to our churchwardens.

Open Meetings – to enable parishes to better understand the work of the Deanery Synod, it was agreed that its meetings will, for a period of at least one year, be open to all members of the parishes, although of course only the Deanery Synod members will be permitted to vote on any motions.

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