

Annual Deanery Synod Report April 2026

Lay Representatives: Fran Weil and Toni Swann

This year we have been pleased to have the opportunity to meet as Deanery Synod in the newly refurbished Newport Minster. Chris Bradish, as Area Dean, has provided us with much to think about and in our most recent meeting in March, we were happy to adopt the Deanery Plan, which falls in line with the Diocesan Plan, focusing on the three areas of Revive, Revitalise and Renew. There is a copy attached to this document, as we have been encouraged to share it with our congregations.

There is much happening across the island in all three areas and we have opportunity at Synod to share some of the successes of our own parishes.

Chris has also invited visitors to Synod from the Diocese to talk to us about various initiatives. One that should become particularly interesting in the coming months will be the provision of training on the island for lay ministries. There is a virtual training platform being developed to run alongside this.

Deanery Synod representatives are elected every 3 years and this will be done in the coming weeks. We are able to elect 3 Deanery Synod representatives thanks to our growing church membership, so please consider taking this opportunity to find out more about what is happening across our Island Anglican Churches.

We are welcome at Synod to air any questions or comments from our church and congregation. If you have anything you would like to raise (or celebrate) please chat with our Synod reps who will do their best to get an answer for you or pass your comments on.