

## Kenn Deanery Synod Report 2020 for APCM

During 2020 there were two Deanery Synod meetings held.

At the February 2020 meeting in Teignmouth West [St James the Less] the guest speakers were Debbie and Pauline, both serving as Street Pastors in Exeter. They shared of their experiences on the streets of Exeter city centre on Friday and Saturday evenings from 10.00 pm through to 3.00 am. Under the umbrella of prayer this ecumenical Christian group meet and engage with people who are visiting to enjoy the city centre night life. Supported by the police and other agencies, they support individuals and groups by offering unconditional love in a variety of ways – including the handing out of cups of water / 'flip flops' footwear / lollipops etc.

The meeting planned for June 2020 was cancelled as a consequence of the coronavirus pandemic.

The next meeting was then arranged via 'Zoom' for December 2020 and chaired by the Rural Dean, the Revd Dallas Ayling. Business included the elections for Lay Chairman and other deanery Standing Committee clergy and laity officers, to serve for the Triennial 2020–2023.

At these meetings there are also the financial report updates on the contribution towards parish share payments etc to the diocese. During 2020 other topics at these meetings also include: Diocesan Synod business update, Bishops' in Mission 2020; the Devon Historic Churches Trust; and support by the Diocese of Exeter towards our link Diocese of Thika in Kenya.

At the December 2020 meeting it was also requested that Children and Young People become a regular Agenda item for future meetings, and the promotion of a comprehensive variety of resources now available through 'Seedling' e-newsletter [via the Diocese of Exeter website].