



District News

SYNOD DATES

The executive recognises that there could be benefit in publishing the dates of synods further in advance than is currently its practice, to assist both ordained and lay members of synod in avoiding arranging events, booking weddings, etc. when unaware of the dates of synod.

Future representative synod dates are as follows:

Saturday 15 September 2012 in the Northampton Circuit

Saturday 27 April 2013 in the Banbury Circuit

Saturday 21 September 2013 in the Kettering and Corby Circuit.

Saturday 10 May 2014 in the Hinckley Circuit

Saturday 20 September 2014 in the Milton Keynes Circuit.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

The district executive met for their June meeting at Bouverie Court as usual but was slightly reduced in numbers. The Revd Tim Woolley is on sabbatical and two of the synod-elected representatives were absent due to family issues.

The executive looks forward to hearing from Tim once he returns, hopefully refreshed and reinvigorated from his sabbatical, about his experiences whilst in the United States.

The executive faced a slightly lighter agenda than normal with much of it being of a detailed and operational nature. Three main points arise for wider circulation, and these make up the content of this issue of the District News.

TRAINING DAY OPPORTUNITIES

With the assistance of the district development enabler from the Lincoln and Grimsby District, the Northampton District is planning a training day for Saturday 13 October at a venue yet to be decided.

The intention is for the day to be multi-disciplinary and offer a wide range of opportunities to attendees to ensure that something is offered that addresses all the main aspects of our calling: worship, evangelism, learning & caring and service.

Full details will be published shortly and the district executive hope that there will be a good attendance at the event.

HELP AT HAND FOR PROPERTY MATTERS

by Roy Littlecott, district property secretary

Anyone who has had to contend with the district property consents process website will know that it has the ability to be both simple and complex at the same time! After much preparation a revised website is due to become operational soon.

In order to help us understand how it works, Tom Lee from the connexional team will come to demonstrate its use at the district's Annual Day for circuit property secretaries and circuit treasurers. This will take place at Roade Church, Northampton Circuit on Saturday, 24 November from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. This day will also be of interest to superintendent ministers who are invited to attend.

Readers are reminded that it is always good to obtain the comments of the district property panel at an early stage in any development project. E-mailed enquiries relating to schemes for churches should be sent, with appropriate attachments, to me at rj_littlecott@hotmail.com. For work on manses, contact Peter Greenaway at peter.greenaway@btinternet.com.