

Regional Dean in the Bay of Plenty

Report to Synod 2014

The 2013-2014 year has been one with many changes and a sense of being 'in limbo' as we farewelled Bishop David Rice and look forward to the arrival of Bishop-elect, Andrew Hedge.



For me, in the role of Regional Dean this has meant keeping everything ticking along as much as possible in a calm and efficient way.

On top of my usual role I have had oversight of the Otumoetai Parish as priest-in-charge since December as we work towards being able to appoint a new vicar to the parish. As a



result of this I have been a little less available to parishes on Sundays than has been the case in previous years. I am still about though during the week to make connections, offer support and advice/information, attend ministry team meetings and vestries, youth committees etc and am always able to be contacted by email or telephone.

The three Regional Deans also meet every month with the Bishop and in the interim period we have met with the Vicar-General. We are sorry to be losing The Rev'd Jenny Dawson from our team at the end of October as she returns to Wellington, as we have developed a very good relationship as a team, and will miss her.

Several key areas in which I have been involved over the last 12 months have included beginning conversations about how the Eastern Bay of Plenty parishes might work together more into the future; some very exciting work with bringing together Beachaven Community House and the Papamoa Mission onto the same site modelling a closer partnership between social services and parish; exploration meetings on the future development of the Papamoa area in meeting community/ministry needs; ecumenically working as chair of the Co-operative Ventures Forum representing the Anglican partner in these ventures; as well as work with individual parishes and clergy and laity, including during vacancies etc all on behalf of the bishop.

Alongside my work in the region I also have some wider diocesan roles and also provincial ones. They include:

- Chair of the Diocesan Children, Youth & Families Committee
- Member of the Diocesan Mission Committee
- Waiapu representative (along with the Ministry Educator) on the Tikanga Pākehā Ministry Council (TPMC)
- Executive member of TPMC and on the Funding Review Group which reviews all Tikanga Pākehā applications for St John's College Trust Board funding.
- Tikanga Pākehā representative on Te Kotahitanga – the 3 -Tikanga Ministry body, appointed by General Synod
- Kinder Library Oversight Committee – as the Te Kotahitanga representative

Below: Waiapu folk at General Synod – May 2014

I am one of those fortunate people who enjoy my job and I am grateful for the many people with whom I interact who are the reason for this enjoyment.

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