**Report to APCM St Mary’s Woburn 15th April 2021**

**Ampthill and Shefford Deanery Synod**

There have been two Synod meetings since 11 March 2020.

**Meeting held by ZOOM on 19TH January 2021**

The main item on the Agenda was a presentation by Rev Sam Cappleman on the Deanery review “Planning for Growth and Sustainability”. There were a number of questions from the floor and eventually a Proposal was passed by 56% that the proposed plan be forwarded to the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee for their meeting on 25 February 2021. **A.O.B**. Revd David Payne was welcomed to the Deanery. It was also agreed that a gift would be sent to Jeffery John on his move to Paris. The meeting closed at 9. 10 pm with the Grace.

**Meeting held by ZOOM on 17 March** Guest speaker Rev’d Anne Barker. She gave a very interesting and informative talk about her various chaplaincy roles. There was a report from the Rural Dean / Lay Chairs Conference. There was also a report on the Deanery Review that reported on changes within the Deanery staffing. There was no General Synod report. Diocesan Synod reported a good meeting. Rev Lucy Davis has a new role as Dean of Women’s Ministry. Elections for Diocesan Synod will take place in May......... 4 clergy and 5 Laity are required. There were reports from two parishes....Arlesy and Aspley Guise. **AOB** ...Meetings will continue on ZOOM. Revd Carrie Steer to be ordained as priest on 27th June. Kelvin mentioned the Annual Bike and Hike Ride in September. The meeting closed at 8. 40 pm with the Grace.

**Next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 July 2021**