

TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN CHURCH
REPORT SYNOD 2023

Held in Lincoln on the 12th of October 2023

After Synod reception, there followed our Synod Mass during which Father Robin Westwood was incardinated into the TAC. This follows an incredible year of growth and consolidation of the church. We have had the joy to welcome Father Edwin Wagner, Father Darvin Sanchez, Deacon Mike Wright, Bishop John Vaughan (Ireland) and Deacon Stephen Beet. In addition, we have witnessed growth in numbers attending services and the opening of two new Altars. It is also very sad to report the passing of Father McIver and Father Dearing.

Bishop Ian stated in his charge, the difficulties that face the Church in this present age but outlined the need for courage and boldness if we to overcome the many shortcomings and problems that society in general faces. He stated that the TAC had once again recorded steady expansion and growth both here in our own Province and Globally.

We have witnessed admission into the TAC during 2023 The Anglican Diocese of Natal and the Anglican Diocese of Sao Paulo and Parna, from the federative Republic of Brazil. Here in our own Province, we have now established a mission in Germany under Father Darvin Sanchez two new Altars in Northamptonshire. Established an industrial chaplaincy and provision in Hospice and Care Homes. Our online presence continues to grow apace, enquiries are at an all time high. Under the direction of Father M. Gray our website continues to be developed to meet growing interest and Father Wagner has been appointed Diocesan Missioner as a first contact point for all enquiries both Clergy and Laity, Father Gray is our Principal Examining Chaplin

In order that we can meet the growth that we are currently experiencing, we have carefully put in place the resources required to enable it to successfully take place. This is not the time to be complacent, the Christian Church is under real time threat, it's very future survival both here and overseas is at stake. There are tragically dark forces at work, as the world turns its back on the teachings of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The slow disintegration in society norms we are all witnessing, as Western Democracies abandon the Christian Faith is all to evident, that is why it is so important that we fight for the Faith and deliver the Gospel Message in full and without fear or indeed favour.

Synod was informed of proposals to move into our new Cathedral Church of St Swithin, Lincoln in 2024. It was agreed by all present that the whole Church would actively participate in the life and work of the Cathedral, staff appointments will be announced in January 2024.

The Financial health of the Church was discussed, tithing issues were raised as well as legacy income. The Church is sufficiently resourced able to meet the demands of growth and establish our presence in our New Cathedral.

The Area Deans all reported increases in attendances which is very encouraging indeed. Father Wagner reported that were several ongoing initiatives both in the UK and Europe, he also proposed the introduction of regular Zoom / Teams meetings be held with all Clergy and Laity which was adopted. The next meeting of the Bishops Council of Advice will be held in Letchworth in April 2024. All officers were confirmed for the next twelve months, Synod 2024 will be held in October 2024.

Synod closed with Prayers.

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