

LET US TALK SILTON DORSET APRIL 2013

At our recent AGM of the PPC we discussed the questions asked by Bishop Nicholas.

- 1) Our local church is an extension of our homes, friendly, welcoming, a place to meet and share news and views and most importantly, worship in a time honoured way.
- 2) Two priorities, are to care for those who are in need either due to illness or other misfortunes and to raise funds to keep the fabric of the building in good condition for future generations who we hope will wish to worship at Silton.
- 3) It was felt that the Deanery Synod Meetings should have time for the Parishes. Very often we have long lectures about our Mission to Lui. The work being done there is commendable but has little to do with local affairs. How are Benefices surviving with too many churches served by overstretched Clergy and Lay Preachers? What can we do about dwindling congregations? The Bishop is right. 'Let Us Talk', and Let Us Learn From Each Other.
- 4) The general consensus about the election of Deanery Synod Representatives was that they should be able to vote immediately upon election and not have to wait for months. Much voting power for the Laity is lost thereby and the ruling should be changed forthwith. This will enable Parishes to achieve more.
- 5) 'Any Other Business' on the Agenda would be a way to start finding out how Parishes can help each other. Bishop Nicholas suggests starting at the bottom up, let's talk to our parishioners and find out what they want.

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