

document and had been worked on by the Diocesan College of Bishops and that the vision will provide a framework for the conversations which the Bishops will be having with parishes about their MAPs.

Its aim, he said, is to provide a whole vision for our common life as God's people and now includes a section on the five marks of mission, which link well with the work of the Public Policy and Mission Departments.

There was then a time for group discussion of the vision and to reflect on the different aspects of what we are doing and groups were asked to feed back in writing on this.

After the group discussions Bishop Christopher put the motion in which Synod was asked to support and endorse the vision; the five strategic goals set out on the appendix and to sharing and promoting the vision. The motion was



Bishop Jonathan

overwhelmingly carried and the Vision can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1ZjIrZc>

Strategy for Ministry

Bishop Jonathan then gave an oral report on the progress on Strategy for Ministry. He spoke of the outcome of the conversations saying that these

things do take a while to get into gear as people have to work out how these things will fit into their work plans.

He said that he and the Diocesan Secretary were working together with those who have responsibility for the outcomes of the conversations which are agreed to develop the process of implementation.

Question time

Questions followed on annual inspections; Diocesan Working Groups; the age and number profiles of Readers and those in training to be Readers; filling vacancies on the Diocesan Council of Trustees (DCT) and expanding the range of approved lay ministries. Supplementary questions were asked and answered.

There followed an election to fill lay vacancies on the DCT and a celebration of the Eucharist.

Then it was time for lunch and to go home.

Is 'Trev the Rev' English Rugby's oldest newly registered player?

Trevor Jacquet, Church of England Chaplain at Belmarsh Prison., signed registration forms for Charlton Park RFC on 31 January. No big news there, except that it happened to be just three days before his 60th birthday.

Is he the oldest player to register to play for a club at this level?

Charlton Park this season have been undergoing an injury problem in the front row, particularly at tight head prop since last year's club captain Terry Read left, encouraged by the club, for Blackheath and seven tight head props suffered injury.

Trevor made his first team debut against Brighton on 13 February. He had been helping to shove opponents around in the second and third teams, and still played in the City League with high-standard players, so he knew what he was doing.

He coaches Blackheath Ladies team in his spare time, as well as finding time to be a Primary School Chair of Governors and President of the Chaplains' Union.

He first played first team rugby in the 70s, and has come up against Tim Rodber, Rory Underwood, John Gallagher,



Martin Offiah and Andy Ripley. One of his former opponents from schooldays is Tim Bryan, ex Oxford University and Harlequins centre, who is now the Prison Chaplain at HMP Wandsworth.

Nowadays Trevor admits he still loves playing, particularly with his sons at Charlton Park, "but recovery takes a little longer". His careful healthy eating regime includes an "addiction to chocolate and biscuits".

Now Park's oppositions know about him, and you can't miss him with his white hair

and pony-tail, he is feted in true rugby tradition wherever Charlton Park play, and particularly once it becomes clear that he is not to be patronised.

Trevor is amazed by the attention he is getting.

In these times of 'professional' amateur rugby he is recognised as a welcome return to the old days when loyalty to one's club and rugby values are held up as ideals worth having.

He stresses the importance of reliability, emphasising to the 'youngsters' that you don't cry off except for real emergencies.

The See of Woolwich

The Diocesan Synod meeting on 12th March 2016 passed unanimously the following motion moved by Bishop Christopher:

"THIS SYNOD expresses its support for the Area System as currently operated and requests the Bishop of Southwark to notify the Archbishop

of Canterbury and the Dioceses Commission of his proposal to appoint to the See of Woolwich."

Following the appointment of The Rt Revd Dr Michael Igrave to the See of Lichfield, the Bishop of Southwark will be following the national guidelines in seeking to appoint a new Bishop of Woolwich, when the See becomes vacant in June. This will include drawing up a Role and Person Specification with the assistance

of a small Advisory Group. There will also be a formal period of consultation in due course.

In the meantime Bishop Christopher is grateful for the correspondence he has already received and invites anyone who has thoughts or reflections concerning the appointment of a new Bishop of Woolwich to write to him, in confidence, at Trinity House or to email him on bishop.southwark@southwark.anglican.org

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