

## **Gibraltar Archdeaconry Synod report 2026**

### **CONFIDENT FAITH, GOSPEL ACTION**

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father who is above and throughout and in us.

After an opening Eucharist celebrated by the Ven David Waller (Archdeacon) he chaired a meeting with an overview of minutes, comings and goings in the Archdeaconry and financial report.

The first Bible study was based on 2 Cor 4 v 1 tp 12 talking about Treasure in Clay Jars. We were asked to notice, listen and share. Questions were put to us  
Are there fragile / hidden aspects in our Chaplaincy that reveal God's power?  
What challenges do we face?

How can our chaplaincy act with confidence even when resources are limited?

We carry treasure in jars of clay. The power belongs to God.

Bishop Andrew talked about not abandoning confidence, helping others to grow and taking leadership seriously. How can we put these into action- we can think about doing the following in our chaplaincies-

Praise and prayer- doing good, being generous- showing hospitality to strangers- relying on God.

The Eucharist each evening allowed us to share and listen and reflect. We had the opportunity to discuss our Chaplaincies and were asked to think about celebrating the present- thinking about the future- where we are now(what is good and poor) where do we see our Chaplaincy in 5 years time!

There were presentations by Grace Fagan-Stewart Safeguarding/Chris Lynch Environmental Officer and Mervyn McCullagh COO and Diocesan Secretary London Office.

A presentation from Bp Victor Condori from Peru , outlining the evidence of building works which is a project supported by this Archdeaconry.

We also had a short presentation about Living in Love and Faith presented by the LGBT+ officer which outlined discussing the Prayers of Love and Faith and outlining the legislative changes needed to allow clergy to have same sex marriages and relationships.

The discussions and open forum brought issues such as how do we cope with aging congregations/ age concern in Spain/ how do we attract younger people to our churches.

We also discussed the possibility of online synod versus in person meetings. There are valid points for both arguments, however, the Standing committee will decide if any changes will be made. The next Synod will be in person in January 2027.

I have Powerpoints of the sermons, Bible studies and overview of the Synod report if anyone wishes to read them in detail, I will gladly publish these

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