

## **Minutes of the Deanery Synod held at All Saints Ealing**

**on Thursday 25 February 2016**

**Welcome & Prayer** Revd Rachel Marszalek welcomed everyone to the Parish of All Saints erected in memory of Spencer Perceval, born on All Saints' Day 1762 and as Prime Minister was assassinated in the House of Commons lobby in 1812. He had lived on the site. The church has a strong tradition of music and at present is looking for a Director of Music. The church's vision is to open up to the community, expanding to provide modern day facilities of toilets and a kitchen. Rachel then opened in prayer

### **Minutes of Meeting on 8 October 2015**

Minutes and current agenda had been published on the Ealing Deanery website

<http://ealingdeanery.org/synod/>

### **Deanery Organisation**

Revd Steve Newbold introduced himself, as the new Area Dean, and Revd Caz Dunk, Associate Vicar at St James West Ealing, whom Bishop Pete had asked to act as Assistant Area Dean commencing after Easter. Also Revd Wilson Gill, Vicar of Emmanuel Church Southall, who from the beginning of the year had been appointed Dean of BAME in the Willesden Area. He would be establishing links with other BAMEs in the Diocese; being accessible and providing resources to clergy and lay in the deanery, encouraging Black and Asian minority into senior leadership

### **Deanery Synod Secretary**

Revd Steve Newbold said a Synod Secretary was urgently needed and requested we look among not only Synod members but church members also

### **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Parishes encouraged to think how to celebrate over the weekend of 10 – 12 June, the Queen's official birthday. See website [www.churchcare.co.uk](http://www.churchcare.co.uk)

### **London Diocesan Board for Schools representative**

One nomination: Kate Henry from Holy Trinity Southall, nominated by Revd Wilson Gill, seconded by Julian Duffus. Kate spoke of her interest and reasons for wanting to be involved. All in favour.

### **William Perkin School Governor**

Malcolm Smith of St Mary's Hanwell, nominated by Revd Matthew Grayshon, seconded by Alison Simmonds. Malcolm explained his eagerness to be part of the team. All in favour

### **Healing Ministry**

Four speakers had been invited to explain the ministry they are involved in

Revd John Ryeland, Director of The Christian Healing Mission, Hammersmith – they create space where people can meet with Jesus, which is their main focus.

Father, Son & Holy Spirit – Light of Abba Father, take time to be soaked in the love of God, to know they are deeply loved by God and to rest and enjoy that love following prayer. Light about the reality of Jesus, to experience the presence of Jesus and ask where is Jesus for you now?, to sense the peace, to wonder

and hear his voice and to continue speaking to him. Power of the Spirit of God, bringing God's touch through the Spirit, waiting on the Spirit. Power.

As people engage with God with Father, Son and Holy Spirit they see miracles in bodies and emotions - remarkable healing. Booklet – Encounter Prayer. Online training (free) – online forum. “Opening Heaven's Door”

Revd Matthew Grayshon, Rector of St Mary's Hanwell – Deliverance

He met Jesus in his early 20s and after ordination Matthew discovered that the devil *does* exist and people are affected by devils and demons. He gave examples of people being released from a history of bad spirits and coming to know Jesus, and houses also being freed of bad spirits.

Father Andrew Davies, Vicar of Christchurch Ealing Broadway – Sacramental Healing

Just as people received healing from Jesus, they were touched by him or people touched him, so we draw others into closer union with him. We are all called to share in this ministry, we pray for others. Anointing with ashes was available all day on Ash Wednesday; people were asking for prayer, which is available every evening. Some make pilgrimages to Walsingham or Lourdes and receive healing, some miracles occur. Special oil blessed by the Bishop is used. But anointing is not about miracles; it used to be the last sacrament before death, their forward journey to heaven. It is now offered to those who are seriously ill, or in trouble or distress. God works in his own power and intention; inward healing for soul and body

Revd Chris Fox, Associate Vicar at St Paul's Ealing – Ealing Prayer on the Streets (POTS)

POTS meet every fortnight in the grounds of Christchurch Ealing Broadway, where between 600 and 700 people have received prayer for over 2 years. Flyers are distributed inviting people to request prayer, where they may meet and encounter Jesus. Just as Jesus demonstrated who he was by praying for anyone as he went, never turning anyone down, so Prayer on the Streets meets people in the market place making it open to all, not just in church. They pray in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit – Jesus heals through them. On a practical point, prayer usually takes place in a gazebo (although it is increasing happening 'on the street' too) and a record kept of all those prayed for. The POTS team are often involved in local events offering prayer and want to grow the team. Chris gave examples of people often being led to faith, encountering God through the prayer offered.

There followed a question and answer session, the following being a summary of points made.

Visits for deliverance usually take about 2 hours, and where people were aware of a presence beforehand they reported that afterwards it was gone. He finds this is real not emotional. Maybe they hadn't believed in God until they encountered ghosts, but then realising they were very real some come to faith.

Some people shared personal testimonies of being healed. A discussion took place about how Jesus healed people and it was acknowledged that whilst he healed everyone who was brought to him, there were many others in the community who were not healed. Today, we need to hold together a theology of healing with a theology of suffering.

Thanks were given to the speakers, and parishes encouraged to go forward with healing ministry Prayer ministry and anointing was offered at the end of the meeting

### **Future Meetings**

Tuesday 24 May 7.30pm, St Thomas Hanwell

The Archdeacon's Visitation Service and celebration of Capital Vision

Tuesday 14 June 7.30pm, St Dunstan's Church East Acton

Applicants to the Deanery Mission Fund

Thursday 3 November 7.30pm, venue to be announced

Bishop Pete will be joining us to update us with Capital Vision 2020