

Minutes of the Deanery Synod held at St Nicholas, Perivale

on Tuesday 31 January 2017

Welcome & Prayer Deanery Synod was welcomed to the newly rebuilt church of St Nicholas, where they heard about the history of the original church from when it was built in the 1960s until the 1990s when cracks and the cold affected the functioning of the church. After much planning and patience, the new church, including housing, was opened last year. The diverse vibrant congregation, led by a strong leadership team, have the community at their heart. Prayer was requested for the parish. A vote of thanks was given for the splendid spread of food. Revd Caz Dunk opened in prayer.

Vacancy for Governor at William Perkin School

Nominations invited. Election at March meeting

Deanery mapping

Rt Revd Ric Thorpe, Bishop of Islington, was welcomed to the meeting. He spoke about his experiences at St Paul's Shadwell and his work there to revitalise the parish, connecting to the community by meeting them where they are. They were welcomed by the Muslim community who knew they were true Christians by their evangelistic nature. But help is needed with carrying forward the vision.

We considered how our churches came about. Some had started in front rooms or scout huts before permanent churches were built. Many here in Ealing Deanery were 'church plants' for new communities.

We thought of the numerous projects connecting with local communities in the deanery at present. Examples include Gurnell Grove, Acton Gardens, Messy Church, French congregations and other nationality groups, so many opportunities.

Thinking further of other opportunities to engage with the community – bars, shops, cafes, stations, schools, housing estates, work places.

We should aim to support 4 to 5 projects in the deanery, for which we can ask for help.

Everyone was invited to put their church and places they would like to reach in their parish, on the map.

Prayer in small groups followed, before final prayers. Grateful thanks expressed to Bishop Ric.

Notices

Mission Fund grant applications close on 30 April

Prayer Labyrinth 13 – 17 March at William Perkin School; 20 – 24 March at Twyford School

PCC Tonight 23 March 7.45pm at St John's West Ealing

Next Meeting

Deanery Synod to consider the Vacancy in See 30 March 7.30pm for 8pm at St John's West Ealing