

**Minutes of the Deanery Synod held at Church of the Ascension, Hanger Lane**

**on Wednesday 5 July 2017**

**Welcome & Prayer** Revd Simon Reed welcomed everyone to the parish of the Church of the Ascension with St Mary West Acton. The two were put together in the 1980s. The Ascension, built in 1939, is diverse in every way, multi-racial/ethnic. St Mary's, although built around 1600, was mentioned in the Domesday Book so a church was probably in existence before then. It was a complex process to carry out the £1.2m restoration to St Mary's, which re-opened in 2010. St Mary's is a neighbourhood church, where most people walk to church, whereas half the congregation of the Ascension come from outside the parish.

The evening opened with worship.

**Presentation of Accounts**

Margaret Cobby, Treasurer, presented the audited accounts with thanks expressed to Trevor Bates, Independent Examiner who was now standing down after 12 years. The accounts were adopted. Trevor offered thanks to Margaret, who in turn offered thanks to him for his help over the last 12 years, including his work on the Standing Committee in past years. Revd Caz Dunk made a presentation to Trevor.

**Appointment of the Independent Examiner for year ended 28 Feb 2018**

A successor to Trevor Bates had not yet been found but would be elected at the next meeting

**Election of Deanery Synod Officers and Standing Committee members**

Lay Chair – Julian Duffus (Prop Margaret Cobby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessie Tettey, all agreed)

Treasurer – Dilys Griffiths (Prop Matt Goodman, Revd Mark Melliush, all agreed)

Secretary – Margaret Cobby (Prop Revd Caz Dunk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Sheen, all agreed)

**Election of Deanery Synod Standing Committee members**

All agreed to the following nominations:

Clerical: Revd David Neno

Lay: Pat Sheen, David Scott (David volunteered at end of meeting)

## **Mission Fund 2017**

The following parishes presented their projects and the proposed grants agreed:

St Mary's Community Café	(The Ascension Hanger Hill)	£2000
The Besom in Ealing	(St Paul's Ealing)	£2000
W London Leaders Unity video	(St John c St James)	£2000
Jun Choir Community Outreach Worker	(St Thomas Hanwell)	£800
Church Notice Board	(All Saints Ealing)	£2000
150 years Community Fete 2017	(St Stephen's Ealing)	£2000
The Table Missional Outreach	(St John's Southall)	£2000
Flaming Fun Day	(St Joseph the Worker)	£1620
Love Northolt	(St Mary c St Richard Northolt)	£2000
Church notice boards	(St George Southall)	£2000

There followed a short time of prayer in groups for the various projects

## **Vacancy for Governors at William Perkin School & Edward Betham School**

Elections at October meeting

### **Other notices**

Course in Christian Studies – flyers available; pass on information to others; found to be useful in the past

Blessings and good wishes conveyed to Revd Steve Benford leaving on 26 July to take up the post of Bishop of Dunedin, NZ

### **Next Meeting**

17 October – William Perkin School (education with Dame Alice Hudson)