

## **Minutes of the Deanery Synod held at St Mary's Church, Acton**

**on Tuesday 8 February 2018**

### **Welcome & Prayer**

Following refreshments Revd Nick Jones conducted worship in the Benedictine Tradition, something he had experienced on a monastery retreat.

### **Election of School Governors**

- Twyford CofE High School -  
Louise Gibb. Proposed by Revd Peter McKenzie, seconded by Revd Caz Dunk
- William Perkin CofE High School (two places) –  
Rachel Westall. Proposed by Revd Christopher Ramsay, seconded by Sue Bolton  
Lolita George. Proposed by Revd Wilson Gill, seconded by Angela Butt
- Ada Lovelace CofE High School (two places)-  
Emma Harniman. Proposed by Mary Anne Auckland, seconded by Liz Cooper  
Revd Mike Barter. Proposed by Revd Caz Dunk, seconded by Revd Suzanne Vernon-Yorke
- St Mary's Norward Green CofE Primary School –  
Timothy Jackson. Proposed by Julian Duffus, seconded by Margaret Cobley

Each nominee provided a short resumé detailing relevant experience

All agreed to the election of those nominated. All were thanked for offering their services

### **Election of Independent Examiner**

Margaret Cobley had found a willing volunteer, an ex-treasurer of St Barnabas Northolt Park Carolyn Fitzpatrick. Proposed by Margaret Cobley, seconded by Cynthia McLetchie-Rabess  
All in favour

### **Youth event**

Ealing Town Hall Good Friday 30 March 7pm for young people in West London. Worship with speaker Mike Pilavachi, founder of Soul Survivor – a wonderful Christian community in which to meet God  
A number of youth workers from Ealing Churches are involved and the event is open to all young people.

### **Memory Café**

Revd Steve Morris, Vicar at St Cuthbert's North Wembley, gave a wonderful presentation of the weekly Memory Cafe set up at his church. Although intended for those with dementia and their carers, other lonely people enjoy the company as they may see very few others during the week. Experience shows that often dementia and loneliness are linked. Often the elderly are seen as pastoral issues but we remember that before Jesus goes to the cross he has family business to sort out – his mother to be cared for. He asks John who in turn will be supported by Mary. People of all faiths attend and readily accept prayers and hymns that are sung along with traditional old -time songs, singing being an important activity of the cafe. A paid trainer leads chair exercises; memory quizzes are popular and others are invited in to speak on a range of subjects including bat protection and latest scams.

Although it is free to attend, donations are encouraged, £100 is usually collected, plus Steve has been able to secure £160,000 in grants (much of this for capital works) over 18 months. His congregation has doubled.

A question/answer session followed where we learnt more of the organization and details of running the Memory Café. A booklet was available to purchase.

The meeting ended with prayer

**Next Meeting**

14 May 2018 7.30pm Deanery Celebration and Archdeacon's Visitation at Holy Cross, Greenford