

Minutes of the Deanery Synod held at St George's Southall

on Tuesday 2 July 2019

Welcome and worship

Revd Steve Newbold, Area Dean, opened the evening welcoming all, especially those who would be making presentations to support their Mission Grant applications. Grateful thanks given to St George's for hosting and supplying the generous refreshments.

Revd Christopher Ramsay, Vicar, began by asking if everyone knew the difference between intercultural and multicultural. Multicultural, where the different cultures exist parallel to one another, as at St George's but intercultural where we try to build relationships with one another, which St George's were now aiming to achieve.

A time of worship and prayer followed.

Presentation of Accounts and Appointment of Independent Examiner

The accounts were not yet ready so approval postponed until the Autumn meeting. They would be posted on the website as soon as possible.

James Barron from St Stephen's, who was present at the meeting, had kindly offered to be Independent Examiner. Everyone approved so James was duly elected for the financial year ending 28 February 2019

School Governors elections

Elections will take place at the next meeting for school governors at Edward Betham and Ealing Fields. We are to make contact with Revd Steve, Revd Caz, Margaret Cobley or Julian Duffus if we know of anyone who might be interested.

Area Council vacancies

There is one clergy vacancy and two lay vacancies on Area Council, and a by-election would need to be held to elect people. Julian Duffus explained the work of Area Council and encouraged others to consider applying.

Next Meeting

The meeting scheduled for 17 October coincides with the Archdeacon's Retirement Service plus Andy Burns, from Capital Mass, who was to be our speaker is moving on, so a new date will be arranged.

General Synod

Enid Barron spoke about the February General Synod.

Marginalization – travelling communities (being more supportive towards them); homelessness (appoint a task force for support); social housing estates (Christian voice not often heard, chaplains needed).

Evangelism – young people. A minority of churches have more than 10 under 18s. London fared better due to the experience of ambassadors.

Legislation – proposal that people can stand for Deanery Synod for only 2 terms. Will be able to vote online from next year.

Environment – help and guidance for churches to take climate change more seriously

Debate – state of the nation, Archbishop of Canterbury calling for prayer for MPs, ensure poor and marginalized are included.

Future Synod – safeguarding; youth violence; covenant with the Methodist Church; sexuality issues; use of disused churchyards.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/work-general-synod>

Review of 2018 Mission Fund awards

PowerPoint presentation shown.

Presentations from 2019 Mission Fund applicants

Presentations given by the following.

Project Title	Church	Amount applied
140th Anniversary Outreach	St Dunstan's Acton	£2,000.00
Community Outreach	St Richards Northolt	£2,000.00
Holiday Club	St George's Southall	£1,200.00
Working with the Crown pub	St Mary's Northolt	£2,000.00
Maths Hub	Oak Tree	£2,000.00
Ealing Citizens	Christ the Saviour Ealing	£2,000.00
English Classes for Women	St John's Southall	£1,929.00
Anti-Trafficking Ministry	St Paul's Ealing	£2,000.00
TOTAL		£15,129.00

There were no questions. There were enough funds this year to cover all applications. Vote in favour.

A time of prayer followed, for the applicants

Revd Steve Newbold said there was so much going on to further the mission of God's church. To those who have not yet applied he asked to think what they could be doing, what God is calling them to do, and encouraged them to apply next year.

Cheques would be sent out in a few weeks when an application for grant money was completed and received.

Final prayer.

Next Meeting

Autumn date and venue to be announced