

Minutes of the Deanery Synod held at St Joseph the Worker, Northolt

on Wednesday 6 November 2019

Welcome and worship

Revd Steve Newbold, Area Dean, welcomed everyone to St Joseph's, who are in a vacancy. The induction of their new priest Fr Valmor Pimenta will be on Sunday 1 December at 7.30pm. Thanks expressed for the hospitality today.

A time of worship and prayer, led by the young people of St Joseph's followed.

Presentation and approval of Accounts 2018/19

Dilys Griffiths highlighted different aspects of the accounts including the Mission Fund Grants funded by Pathways. Parishes are encouraged to make applications, especially those who never have before. Accounts were approved.

School Governor elections

Candidates supplied statements and/or spoke about their experience and suitability as a school governor
Ealing Fields High School

Revd Sarah Guinness, proposed by Revd Christopher Ramsay, St George's Southall, seconded by Revd Caroline Newbold, St Stephen's Ealing

Christ the Saviour CE Junior School Ealing

Alan Reynolds, proposed by Revd Richard Collins, Christ the Saviour, seconded by Graham Worsfold, St John's Ealing

Edward Betham CE Junior School

Muke Ferguson, proposed by Randolph Reid, seconded by Ron McCann both Deanery Synod Reps St Joseph the Worker Northolt

There being no other candidates, Synod agreed to their appointments.

Revd Caz Dunk move

Revd Caz has now moved on to a new job in the Chichester Diocese. Her thanks to Synod noted, for support received and generous gift. Keep her in our prayers.

Community in a post-Brexit world – Alison Tsang (Capital Mass)

Although Brexit hasn't yet happened, it is still relevant to think about the effects so far and the future. Alison from Capital Mass, supported by the Diocese, is here to help, coming alongside to facilitate, offer training. There is a video on the website to show congregations.

Jenny Sinclair from 'Together For the Common Good' spoke at length about strengthening bonds of trust with others of different backgrounds in a period of huge change. Decades of individualism has caused degradation, 'me' culture, victimhood culture which has led to the breaking down of communities. We are

social beings being driven apart. How connected with our community are we? Parishes have a role to support families in the neighbourhood, building trust.

Together For the Common Good offers courses for schools, clergy and senior leaders

Thanks expressed to Alison and Jenny.

<https://www.capitalmass.org.uk/>

<https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/>

Final prayer.

Area Council by-election

Result of the recent by-election:

Vacancy for 2 Lay representatives – no nominations received

Vacancy for one clergy representative – two nominations received, election held

Revd David Neno, St Peter's Ealing 12 votes

Revd Jon Westall, St Dunstan's East Acton 13 votes

Next Meeting

Thursday 13 February