

Minutes of the Deanery Synod held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday 13th October 2020

Attendance

44 members were present and there had been 11 apologies for absence.

Welcome and worship

Revd Steve Newbold, Area Dean, welcomed everyone to this last meeting of the Synod triennium. Revd Caroline Newbold read Psalm 8 and then we prayed.

Thank You

Steve Newbold thanked all those who were coming to the end of their three year term on Synod and also welcomed those who had recently been elected to this role. A new Synod in early 2021 would need to elect the Standing Committee (Lay Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and lay/clergy members).

School Governor Elections

Andrew Bickley's term as **Director at the Twyford CoE School Academy Trust** was about to come to an end. The post had been advertised across Synod and one nomination had been received – from **Andrew Bickley** who is keen to serve again. His nomination was proposed by Julian Duffus (St Peters Acton Green), seconded by Lolita George (St John's Southall) and unanimously agreed.

Eco Church – what can we do in a socially distanced world

Steve Newbold reminded Synod that the Deanery Plan which we had agreed in February 2020 made a commitment to promoting Eco Church across the Deanery. This ambition is being incorporated in the Area Plan and the Diocesan Plan 2030. To help us achieve our objective, Revd Dave Bookless (Vicar St Mary's Norwood Green) would share some thoughts and allow space for us to reflect on our own practice. The detail of his presentation is included in the attached PowerPoint slides.

Synod divided into small groups to discuss the presentation. Various points were made and ideas shared. All parishes were asked to think how they could further the ambition to promote Eco Church objectives.

Revd Dave Bookless ended the meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting

To be arranged