



**Minutes of the Deanery Synod
held on zoom video conference
on Monday 24 January 2022 at 7.30pm**

Attendance: max 57 including at least 6 guests

Welcome and Worship.

Jackie Ashmenall (Lay Chair) welcomed everyone and Revd. Karen Greenidge-Silcott (Standing Committee) opened in prayer.

Pastoral Principles

Revd. Fiona Jack (General Synod member) explained that a request for Deanery Synods to review the Pastoral Principles had come from Bishop Sarah, Bishop of London, in the light of abusive emails which were sent by some deanery synod members to at least one candidate in this year's General Synod election. The principles are:

1. Acknowledge prejudice
2. Speak into silence (silence can be damaging)
3. Address ignorance
4. Cast out fear
5. Admit hypocrisy
6. Pay attention to power

Business Items

School Governors

- Ada Lovelace – one position – no nomination
- Twyford High School – one position
 - Louise Gibb (current chair of governors) proposed Revd. Jane Morris (St John's West Ealing), seconded Paul Hagger (St John's West Ealing)
- William Perkin – two positions
 - Lolita George (current holder) proposed Manori Wellington (St John's Southall), seconded Revd. Dr Anna Poulson (St John's Southall)
 - Angus Boobbyer (new) proposed Revd. David Neno (St Peter's Ealing), seconded Jackie Ashmenall (Christ the Saviour)
- St. Mary's Primary School – one position
 - Timothy Jackson (current holder) proposed Revd. Dr Dave Bookless (St Mary's Norwood Green), seconded Revd. Dr Anna Poulson (St John's Southall)

The four nominees introduced themselves to the Synod. There being one nominee for each of four posts, the four nominees were elected *nem con*. The Area Dean invited everyone to consider if they themselves or someone they know might want to consider the post at Ada Lovelace.

Mission Fund

The meeting was reminded that the closing date for applications to the Ealing Mission Fund is Saturday 30th April. The Mission Fund has money to give to parishes who need a little financial help with a mission project in their parish. Grants of up to £2k are available.

Compassionate Communities

Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter (ECWNS) - Alison Wood, chair of trustees

ECWNS is organised by churches around Ealing apart from Southall who organise separately. The government guidance for winter 2021-22 was that rotating night shelters (the model ECWNS used before Covid) gave rise to greater risk of infection. Fortunately, a hotel was able to offer ten rooms for three months to end of March 2022. Churches are providing meals, while ECWNS support the guests to try and move on into permanent accommodation. There have been advantages of the guests being in a fixed space so wisdom is needed for ECWNS to do what is best. More information can be found on <https://www.ecwns.org.uk/> and Alison can be contacted on chair@ecwns.org.uk

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Mark Dishley, centre manager for CAP Ealing / Acton

CAP work to help people out of debt and work with all cultures and religions. All the volunteers are Christians and may offer to pray for clients. CAP is looking for the following support:

- Prayer
- Financial / fundraising (as the service is free to the clients)
- Befrienders (to support clients through the debt help process offering emotional and practical support where requested / needed)

Normally, befrienders visit clients in their homes but this has not been possible during the Covid restrictions so meetings have taken place at church. More information can be found on <https://capuk.org/> and Mark can be contacted on markdishley@capuk.org

Besom - Jo Smith, co-ordinator for Besom Ealing

Besom is a bridge between those who want to give money, time, skills, or things; and those in need. All clients are referred by e.g. social services, CAP, Ealing Foodbank etc. The Besom service starts with a home visit to find out what sort of help would be useful; this help may include decoration, furniture (needs to be good quality and compliant with fire regulations), etc. Volunteers go into homes with the love of Christ; prayer is offered and often taken. Although Besom is based at St Paul's Ealing, many of the clients are based in Southall and so there may be opportunities for churches in Southall to help in befriending and following up clients. More information can be found on <https://stpaulsealing.com/besom/> and Jo can be contacted on besomealing@gmail.com

Closing Remarks and Prayer

- The Archdeacon's Visitation for Ealing will take place on Tuesday 21 June at St Paul's Ealing.
- The next meeting of Ealing Deanery Synod will take place on Tuesday 5 July (venue later agreed as St Mary's Hanwell) – if you would like to host a meeting, please get in touch.
- The new Bishop of Willesden Revd Canon Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy will be consecrated at St Paul's Cathedral tomorrow Tuesday 25 January. His family will be moving to London at the end of March.

Rev. Karen Greenidge-Silcott (Standing Committee) closed the meeting with a prayer at 8.25pm.