



**Minutes of the Deanery Synod
held at St Martin's West Acton with YouTube livestream
on Wednesday 28 September 2022 doors opened 7pm for meeting 7.30pm**

Attendance: In-person 19 + 1 guest; livestream 24

Welcome and Worship.

Revd. Julia Palmer, Vicar at St Martin's West Acton, welcomed everyone to the meeting, gave some history of St Martin's and led the meeting in a short service of compline.

Business Items

School Governor for Ealing Fields

There were no nominations for this vacancy and so the election was deferred to the synod meeting on Thursday 10 November 2022.

Compassionate Communities

Ealing Soup Kitchen

Angela Doreen aka Angela Loundes, who started work as the co-ordinator for Ealing Soup Kitchen in January 2022, gave a presentation on their work. Their aim is to help the homeless, the vulnerable and the poor – mainly street homeless but also some people who have a home but have issues. The doors open four times a week:

- Monday Evening Hub - serves hot takeaway meals and food parcels.
 - 6 - 8 pm - Salvation Army Hall, 6 Leeland Road, W13 9HH.
- Friday Hub - a hot meal, food parcel, advice, shower, clothes haircuts and foot care.
 - 1 - 3:30 pm - The Crypt, St John's Mattock Lane W13 9LA
- Sat / Sun Ealing Soup Kitchen - hot meal.
 - 3:30 - 5pm. Church Room, St Johns, Mattock Lane, W13 9LA.

Ealing Soup Kitchen aims to be more than a Soup Kitchen, often supplying a proper meal and also caring for the whole body and encouraging people to be less dependent. New initiatives include:

- Workshops (with Friday Hub starting earlier) to help clients with a variety of issues
- Counselling
- Welfare / Benefits
- Housing
- Coffee Church to bring faith into clients' lives

More information about Ealing Soup Kitchen can be found on this website

<https://www.ealingsoupkitchen.org/> 2023 will be the 50th anniversary of Ealing Soup Kitchen and suggestions on how to celebrate would be welcome.

Ealing Foodbank

Janet Fletcher, manager at Ealing Foodbank for over 10 years, gave a presentation with input from Revd. Jeremy Hyde.

Ealing is unfortunately the fourth busiest foodbank in the UK and the busiest in London. The aim of Ealing Foodbank is FEED – Focus on Ending Ealing Deprivation – with the four prongs of Food, Fellowship, Funded Advice and Forums / Networks held together by the handle of Finance.

- Food – 40% of the food is donated through the supermarkets while another 20% is bought by Ealing Foodbank
- Fellowship – many of the face-to-face interactions stopped because of the pandemic and Ealing Foodbank is currently operating a walk-through arrangement in which clients can choose the food; it would be good to have more volunteers to offer interaction
- Funded Advice – debt advice through Crosslight Advice; form filling support; help through Crisis Ealing
- Forums / Networks - networking with churches (book a talk), local businesses and local politicians (Ealing Foodbank is apolitical); referral agencies and partners (which could include churches); supporters and donors; client engagement and feedback

More information about Ealing Foodbank can be found on this website. <https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/> including:

- How to donate food including shopping list of the month and donation points <https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>
- Volunteering <https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/volunteer/>
- Client centres <https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/locations/> (though everyone who comes to the Foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid Foodbank voucher.

Janet Fletcher will be leaving her position as manager at Ealing Foodbank in two days and so Revd. Jeremy Hyde will be the interim manager. The post has been advertised once but without success. Please pray for the appointment of a new manager

South Ealing Community Food Cupboard

Revd. Steve Paynter gave a presentation on the work of South Ealing Community Food Cupboard which was set up at St Mary's Ealing this year. SECFC was set up in response to the vast quantities of food which is sent to landfill (thereby also contributing to the climate crisis). At supermarkets, one of the challenges is food that is approaching its use by date and so is taken off the shelves. To prevent this food being sent to landfill, it is collected by charities such as Felix Project, FareShare and City Harvest and then distributed to organisations who can make use of the food.

SECFC is open on Mondays (apart from Bank Holidays) 1pm to 3pm and offers "Quality Surplus Free Food Collect Today". We have been fortunate to be given the services of a DHL van and driver to collect the food from the Felix Project depot and bring it to St Mary's once a week. People queue up before 1pm with 100-120 people coming each week, many with families.

More information can be found on this link <https://stmarysealing.org.uk/south-ealing-community-food-cupboard/>

Prayer and Finish

The next meeting will be on Thursday 10 November meeting at St John's Southall.

Revd. Julia Palmer closed the meeting with a prayer at 8.55pm.