



**Minutes of the Deanery Synod Meeting
held at St John's West Ealing
on Thursday 19 October 2023 doors opened 7pm for meeting 7.30pm**

Attendance: Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Archdeacon Catherine Pickford, Revd. Andrew Corsie (Willesden Area Director of Ministry), Revd. Christopher Ramsay (Willesden Area Director of Mission and member of this Synod); 55 Synod members, 10 churchwardens, 14 other guests (including guests from other deaneries)

Welcome and Worship

Revd. Sam Sanya, vicar of St John's West Ealing welcomed us to the church.

We were led in an act of worship reading together Psalm 133:1-3 and singing the modern hymn "My hope is built on nothing less" (Christ alone, cornerstone).

Business Items

Election of Lay Rep

Betty Holas (St George's Southall), proposed Eddie Allette (St George's Southall) seconded Jennie Paynter (St Mary's Ealing) was elected unopposed.

Elections of School Governor

Christ the Saviour Primary School: Tom Ward, proposed Rev'd Timothy L'Estrange (St Gabriel, North Acton) seconded Sherri Akilagun (St Gabriel, North Acton) was elected unopposed.

Ealing Fields Revd. Sarah Guinness, proposed Wei Hei Kipling (St Mary's Ealing), seconded Revd. Christopher Ramsay (St George's Southall) was elected unopposed.

Twyford Anita Davies Luke, proposed Revd. Sam Sanya (St John's West Ealing), seconded Revd. Angelo Lebrato (St John's West Ealing) was elected unopposed.

Edward Betham Primary School - no nomination received

Deanery RoadShow

A one page summary of the 2030 vision and slides of the presentations are available as pdfs.

Listening

"Speak God, we are listening"

We read Acts 2: 42-47 twice and were invited to share words or phrases that stood out for us.

- Together – common thing, togetherness
- Daily, day by day – things can change, importance of rhythm
- Listening – important sign of love, the person in front of you is your teacher
- The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved – more likely if we are poor and so have to depend on God alone

- Devotion – common purpose, motivation for everything else

2030 Vision

We don't want the 2030 Vision to be yet another to do list. We have all been invited to a great party and the 2030 vision can be considered to be us preparing for the party.

A video of the presentation on 2030 vision can be found on this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ld1-1Ji12fs>

Table Activities

Various activities were set out on different tables and areas of the church and we were invited to sample these.

Breath Prayer

"Nothing can separate us (inhale)

From the love of God" (exhale)

The above text is from Romans 8:38-39 – other words can be used.

The Three Willesden Values

- Intergenerational
- Intercultural
- Missional

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ypwC-8-3z6Y>

Good News Stories

- The calibre of the candidates standing for election to be Deanery Synod school governors
- In the midst of the brokenness of the church of Manipur, India suffering severe persecution, Kailean Khongsai at St John's Southall has led the response of the north east Indian Christian Community
- Chris Fox of St Paul's Ealing has co-ordinated prayer for the younger generation using zoom at 10pm
- Youth leaders in Ealing working together which means that our young people do not have to choose between their churches and their friends

Prayer and Finish

We were given 30s of complete silence to answer the questions:

- Where have we seen a glimpse of glory?
- Where have we been inspired to hope for the future?

The human tendency is to think about what is troubling us so it is good to think about glory and hope.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.27pm.