



**Minutes of the Deanery Synod Meeting  
held at St Mellitus Hanwell**

**on Monday 5 February 2024 doors opened 7pm for meeting 7.30pm**

**Attendance:** 23 + 6 guests

**Welcome and Worship.**

Revd. Stu Plumb, vicar, welcomed the meeting to St Mellitus, Hanwell. He mentioned that the community at St Mellitus was diverse but united by the desire to serve the community, examples including:

- Ealing Foodbank
- Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter
- Crosslight debt advice

The meeting started with some sung worship and the sharing of chocolates.

**Business Items and Notices**

***School Governors***

There were no nominations for the vacancy at Edward Betham School and so the election was deferred to the synod meeting on Tuesday 2 July 2024.

In addition, vacancies at William Perkins High School for a Deanery Synod School Governor and an Area Dean nominated School Governor were announced.

***Reminder of Mission Funds***

The Ealing 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 and the application form is found on the Ealing Deanery website <https://ealingdeanery.org/mission-fund/> The closing date for applications is Tuesday 30 April.

In addition, applications for grants may also be made to the Schools Mission Fund and to the Bishop of Willesden Mission Fund.

- Grants from the Schools Mission Fund are designed to either provide parishes with financial support for projects with local schools or to provide direct financial support to schools (not just LDBS schools) for extra-curricular projects.
- Grants from the Bishop of Willesden Mission Fund are to support the delivery of two areas of the 2030 Vision of the Diocese and the Area Plan, namely Creative Growth and Growing Younger

If you want more information about the Schools Mission Fund or the Bishop of Willesden Mission Fund, please contact Dawn Baker, [dawn.baker@london.anglican.org](mailto:dawn.baker@london.anglican.org) 020 3837 5029

***Dates for Ealing Deanery Synod 2024***

- **\*\*Sunday 19 May Pentecostal Intercultural Healing Service- All Hallows North Greenford\*\***
- Tuesday 11 June Archdeacon's Visitation – Christ the Redeemer Southall
- Tuesday 2 July Synod meeting (Mission Bids and AGM) – St Barnabas Northolt Park
- Thursday 24 October Synod meeting (topic to be agreed) – St Gabriel North Acton

### ***Ealing Deanery Synod Questionnaire: Your Voice Matters!***

Members were reminded of the short questionnaire that could be completed to let us know what you'd like to hear about at future meetings.

### ***Ministry Experience Scheme (18-30s)***

Revd. Christopher Ramsay drew our attention to the Ministry Experience Scheme – a one year scheme designed to allow young adults (18-30s) to see what goes on behind the scenes at a Church of England parish (which can vary depending on the parish the young adult joins). The scheme enables growth of character as well as faith and is adaptable and challenging.

The cost to the parish that the young person joins is £8,000 for the year.

### ***Young people at the Pentecostal Intercultural Healing Service on Sunday 19th May***

A Deanery-wide Pentecostal Intercultural Healing Service is being organised for the evening of Sunday 19 May. We in particular would like to invite young people to be involved in the service, with their ideas. We already have some young people who lead our worship, who would be happy for others to join. We also think this would be a great way to bring the Ealing Deanery young people together, especially for those churches where they may only have 1 or 2 young people. If you do have young people who might be interested, please contact Revd Karen Greenidge-Silcott [karengsilcott@gmail.com](mailto:karengsilcott@gmail.com) at All Hallows Church.

### ***Godly Play***

Jeanny Wang (St Martin's West Acton), a Godly Play trainer, led those present through a session of Godly Play. Participants were encouraged to think of it as a spiritual experience which is more about discovery than thinking something is right or wrong, trusting that God is in the process.

There was also time for questions and discussion.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.