



**Minutes of the Deanery Synod Meeting  
held at St Barnabas, Pitshanger  
on Thursday 24 October 2024 doors opened 7pm for meeting 7.30pm**

**Attendance:** Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Archdeacon Catherine Pickford,  
27 Synod members +9 guests

**Business Items and Notices**

WHK welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the business items.

***Diocesan Synod***

*Already elected*

- Clergy: Richard Collins Christ the Saviour, Alex Volossevich St Mary's Ealing
- Laity Antje Whitehurst St Mary's Ealing

*By elections – Nomination form received*

- Clergy: none
- Laity: Dr Neil Yates St Dunstan's East Acton was duly declared elected to the Diocesan Synod

Nominations were also invited from the floor but none were made. There are therefore still four clergy vacancies and four lay vacancies from Ealing Deanery to the London Diocesan Synod.

***Willesden Area Council Elections***

This is the Council that works with Bishop Lusa in the Willesden Area. The deadline for nominations has been extended to **12 noon on Wednesday 6 November 2024.**

**Deanery Roadshow**

Feedback from the 2023 Roadshow was that a lot of information was presented from the front. Participants asked for:

- More times of prayer
- More good news
- Time to talk

[For this Roadshow, the church was arranged with people sitting around round tables café-style so that it was easy for groups around a table to talk and to pray together for each of the questions raised.]

The Roadshow started with a quiz to recap the 2030 vision.

The Bishop introduced the Way of Life resources <https://www.london.anglican.org/church-and-parish-support/confident-disciples/way-of-life/> to help churches formulate a shared Way of Life in the context of their church community. This is not about starting something completely new, but

about becoming more aware of what we are already doing to grow our faith and more intentional about how we want to be shaped and formed going forward.

Participants were encouraged to consider who in their parish the church is not yet reaching.

The importance of safeguarding was mentioned and Angela Colman, the Willesden Area Safeguarding Adviser will be speaking at the Deanery Synod meeting on Thursday 30 January 2025.

Arising from the 2030 vision, the Willesden Area charisms are:

Intercultural

Intergenerational

Missional

We were asked to consider where we might have seen glimpses of God's glory.

The question of what is troubling us was raised.

Looking to the future, where do we see hope?

Good news stories were told from:

- Grove Community Church
- Noisy Mass at St Barnabas Pitshanger.

The meeting closed at 9pm.