

HILLINGDON DEANERY SYNOD REPORT: 2020-2021

Since the last APCM (held on 13.10.20), our church has been represented on Hillingdon Deanery Synod by **Jo Barraclough, Ruth Bitok, Chris Hoppett, Sarah Jacob, Judith Kaplan, Karen Overy, Helen Pye-Beraet, Judith Roberts and Alison Rollin**. The Area Dean is the Revd. Richard Young, Vicar of St. Matthew's, Yiewsley.

Synod normally meets three times per year. The meetings include **talks/presentations** on specific topics of wide interest, and are open to anyone to attend; one meeting is designated for Synod business which includes reports from the Area Dean (noting any new appointments or departures), from the Deanery Treasurer, Willesden Area Council, London Diocesan Synod and General Synod; there may also be reports from Deanery Synod members who serve on the governing bodies of the Church schools within the Deanery. (Visitors are welcome to attend every meeting, but have no voting rights.)

Report on the proceedings of Hillingdon Deanery Synod: 2020-2021

As noted in the Report for the October APCM, the Deanery Synod meeting arranged for 1st July 2020 was cancelled because of Covid-19 restrictions. The following meeting, normally held in October each year, was also cancelled. So the only DS meeting to take place in the past year was held via Zoom on **11th February 2021**, at which the main presentation was given by Fr. Matthew Cashmore, speaking about developments at St. Anselm's, Hayes, which is one of the priority mission areas in the Deanery. The meeting also dealt with various business matters (elections of post-holders, ratification of school governors, etc.), and news from around the deanery was up-dated.

Future proposed dates and topics:

The next two Deanery Synod meetings will be on **Thursday 8th July** and **Tuesday 5th October 2021**.

The Archdeacon's Visitation Service will be on Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Future topics to include: Capital Vision 2030, the Hillingdon Deanery Plan, Racial Justice, Living in Love and Faith (relating to issues of human sexuality), and Support to Asylum Seekers (food/clothing/utensils).

It was agreed that there would be a Eucharist at one of the three meetings held each year.

Alison Rollin
30.3.21