

HILLINGDON DEANERY SYNOD REPORT: 2015-2016

For the past year, our church has been represented on Hillingdon Deanery Synod by **Glenn Burchell, Sherryl Butcher, Karen Domb, Linda Gibson, Kevin Gynn, Chris Hoppett, Kim McCloghry, Philip Pye-Beraet, and Alison Rollin**. (The Scales of Representation allow one Deanery Synod representative per 57 people on a church's Electoral Roll, up to a maximum of 20 representatives; since the last APCM we have had ten places available to us.)

The current Area Dean for Hillingdon is Fr. Desmond Banister (from All Saints, Hillingdon).

Synod meets three times per year. Two of the meetings, covering specific topics of wider interest, are open to anyone to attend; one meeting is designated for Synod business: this includes reports from the Area Dean (noting any new appointments or departures), 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. Additionally, there are usually one or two **special presentations**.

Report on the proceedings of Hillingdon Deanery Synod: 2015-2016

Deanery Synod (Anglicans in Hillingdon) has met three times during the past twelve months, on:

16 th June 2015	at St. Anselm's, Hayes
13 th October 2015	at Dr. Triplett's School, Hayes.
27 th January 2016	at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge.

The **June** meeting was the annual 'business' meeting, but also included a talk about hospital chaplaincy, by **Fr. John Creagh**. Chaplains work within the NHS; but as the NHS struggles to reduce costs, some chaplaincy posts and salaries have been cut. Currently, in Hillingdon Hospital, there is one full-time and one part-time chaplain, with a few volunteer lay chaplains. There is a great need for more volunteers, and anyone interested may contact the Chaplaincy to ask about this, and also speak to their vicars.

At the **October** meeting **Liz Wolverson**, Director of School Support Services at the LDBS (London Diocesan Board for Schools), and Chief Executive of the LDBS Academies Trust, spoke about the current situation regarding London C of E schools, and the possible impact of a new Education Act, the Education Adoption Bill 2015-2016.

In **January**, **Tony Newbold** spoke about Credit Unions, which are ethical, not-for-profit community banks, which encourage saving, and offer low-cost loans; they are also local, and therefore accessible to most people. He then spoke about the opportunities local churches have to help, either by giving support and advice, or by working *with* Credit Unions. (Further information on this has appeared in the *Outlook* magazines for March and April 2016.)

At the January meeting, the Area Dean also spoke of the death of Fr. Peter Homewood, Vicar of St. Mary's, Hayes, and a former Curate here.

Future Dates:

Tuesday, 10 th May 2016:	Archdeacon's Visitation, at All Saints, North Hillingdon.
Thursday, 16 th June 2016:	Deanery Synod, at St. Mary's, Harefield. (Mindfulness)
Tuesday, 18 th October 2016:	Deanery Synod, at St. Mary's, South Ruislip. (Bereavement)