

Deanery Synod report for 2025

Deanery Synod met 3 times during 2025 and there were the usual changes in the deanery and diocese with new appointments and announcements of retirement

As 2025 began Rev Andrew McLellan was Area Dean, Cath Johnston Lay Chair and Jonathan Hutton Secretary.

In March Synod met at Christ Church Chislehurst and we were given a presentation by Bishop Jonathan about the vision and strategy for the diocese: Change, Serve and Grow. He spoke about, among other things, the need for missional churches, leaders and disciples. We discussed how this can be implemented at Deanery and parish level. At this meeting Rev Richard Jones was commissioned as the new Area Dean of Beckenham. Beckenham deanery friends joined us for this synod.

Also in March Rev Rachel Curley was installed as the new Rector of St Nicholas Chislehurst, having been curate there for 3 years.

In July Synod met at St Peter & St Paul in Bromley and the focus was on sharing good news stories from parishes. We heard from St Mary's Hayes, Christ Church Bromley and Christ Church Chislehurst and much of this was about evidence of a 'Quiet Revival' with younger people returning to church.

In November Synod met at St Nicholas Chislehurst and the focus was on a discussion about working with volunteers and an update on the diocesan strategy.

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