



## Runnymede Deanery

Diocese of Guildford

*Addlestone, Chertsey, Egham, Egham Hythe, Englefield Green,  
Lyne and Longcross, New Haw, Ottershaw, Thorpe, Virginia Water  
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### 2020 St John's Egham APCM Report

#### Deanery Events

Synod meetings in 2019 were held at St John's Egham (Spring), St Mary's Thorpe (Summer) and Holy Trinity Lyne & Longcross (Autumn), as usual presenting "Parish Focus" reports about the church life and community involvement of the hosting parish, with prayer requests/updates.

February Synod revolved around the theme of "Sticking plaster or transforming lives – what can every Christian contribute to fighting poverty?" with helpful presentations from Runnymede Foodbank and the Christians Against Poverty Debt Centres in Addlestone and Egham. Fruitful sharing and discussions during the networking break resulted in increased connections between our churches and the represented charities.

In June, we welcomed Revd David Welch (Diocesan Youth Advisor) for an enthusiastic presentation and lively discussion on "Being Good News to Young People", and this was followed up at October Synod with a series of short, topical highlights on "Youth Engagement Now and Then" in each of the deanery parishes, refreshingly presented mostly by Deanery Representatives. All three meetings were open to the public and detailed Minutes are available via the Deanery Administrator [runnymededeanery@gmail.com](mailto:runnymededeanery@gmail.com).

On 15 October, Bishop Jo visited the deanery for a Prayer Evening at Holy Trinity Lyne & Longcross as an informal event to pray for the Diocese, Deanery and "Transforming Church Transforming Lives" Vision.

#### Deanery Growth & Strategy Group

The workgroup met three times in 2019, developing a Deanery Mission Action Plan as requested by the Diocese and organising a diocesan-funded "Growing Leaders Lite" course for the deanery churches. The Action Plan document is also available via the Deanery Administrator.

Runnymede Deanery Growth Fund in its first season granted £500 to "Loaves & Fishes" (Summer Lunches project at St Paul's, Addlestone), £190 to Christ Church, Ottershaw for an upgrade of their in-service presentation software and £100 to St John's Egham as a contribution to their "Kingdom Quest" Holiday Club. Grateful and encouraging success reports on all three projects were heard at Autumn Synod. In a second round of grant allocations after the summer holidays, £150 each were given to St Paul's, Egham Hythe for an upgrade of large toddler group equipment and to All Saints', New Haw for Christian diaries to give away at their local Village Christmas Fair; feedback reports expected at 2020 March Synod.

#### Kebbi Link

The 2019 General Election in Nigeria brought increased violence and prayer requests from Kebbi who value our support very much.

Archbishop Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba, bishop of Gombe, was elected next primate of the Anglican Church in Nigeria, to be enthroned in March 2020.

Pictures of the colourful 2019 Diocesan Synod in Birnin, Kebbi can be found on the deanery website [www.runnymededeanery.org.uk](http://www.runnymededeanery.org.uk).

#### Finance

No outward donations were made in 2019; the earmarked funds of £500 were added to the Deanery Growth Fund. Runnymede Deanery accounts continue to be sound and Parish Contributions were confirmed to remain at the same level as in recent years (individual parish amounts are determined by three-year rolling average of Sunday attendance, combined with Relative Prosperity Index), supplemented by additional donations of 30% of the Parish Contributions, given to the Deanery Growth Fund.

#### Other Business

- 2019 saw the Election of Deanery Representatives to the Diocesan Board of Education, with our new representative being Lay Chair Keith Malcouronne.
- 2020 Open Synod dates were set as 3 Mar (New Haw), 18 Jun (Ottershaw) and 7 Oct (Addlestone).