



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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Deanery Events

Due to pandemic restrictions, our only physical Synod meeting in 2020 took place at All Saints New Haw in early March. Revd Craig Holmes, former Curate at St John Egham and now Director of Ordinands at Guildford Diocese, and his colleague, Mrs Glynis Beazley, presented an engaging talk on "Creating a Culture of Vocation". June Synod was cancelled owing to the extended lockdown and in October we met via Zoom, facilitated by St Mary Thorpe and hosted by St Paul Addlestone, with our new Archdeacon Ven Martin Breadmore giving an introduction to himself and Q&A session as focal point.

Both meetings were open to the public and detailed Minutes are available via the Deanery Administrator runnymededeanery@gmail.com.

Deanery Growth & Strategy Group

The workgroup met once in early 2020, with main focus on the continuation of the Deanery Growth Fund, hosting of a Kenyan Bishop on occasion of the Lambeth Conference which was subsequently cancelled due to the pandemic outbreak, and on brainstorming deanery-wide opportunities for mission which may yet be realised in the future but were not pursued further in 2020, again owing to pandemic restrictions. Encouraging feedback reports on the second round of 2019 grant allocations were presented at March Synod, concerning £150 each given to St Paul 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. Although the Fund was open for applications in 2020, none were received, no doubt due to the uncertainties around the pandemic preventing any longer term planning.

Kebbi Link

Runnymede Deanery donated £500 from its reserves to support Kebbi clergy and their families during this particularly trying time (African clergy are generally self-supporting/relying on donations).

Sad news was received from Kebbi Diocese, our contact Bishop Edmund having been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Lay Chair Keith Malcouronne, also Non-executive Director of St Peter's & Ashford Hospitals, has been able to arrange for robotically controlled surgery at the Royal Surrey hospital (a procedure not available in Nigeria), although this, too, is on hold because of the pandemic. Meanwhile a collection is open via Runnymede Deanery to support Bishop Edmund financially for his travels and stay in England – donations from churches and individuals are welcome; contact runnymededeanery@gmail.com.

Finance

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), without donations towards the Deanery Growth Fund.

Other Business

- Revd Ben Beecroft, Vicar in Addlestone, was installed as Area Dean in September; thanks given to Revd Sandra Faccini for her sterling work as previous Area Dean. 2020 also saw the Triennial Election of Deanery Representatives who were welcomed during the Zoom meeting in October. Keith Malcouronne as Lay Chair and Sheila Bardell as Treasurer were confirmed for another term.
- 2021 Open Synod dates were set as 4 Mar (Ottershaw), 8 Jun (Virginia Water) & 6 Oct (Chertsey).
- Newsletters continued to be produced but on a more irregular basis, owing to lack of activities during lockdowns, and with an emphasis more on sharing experiences. The mailing list is open to anybody interested; requests via runnymededeanery@gmail.com.