

Report from the Ealing Deanery Synod Meeting

20th May, 2008



On Tuesday 20th May, I attended my first Ealing Deanery Synod meeting together with Neil, Denis Charge and Peter Fuller which was held in St Peter's Church, Ealing.

This was very well attended but I was completely taken aback by the fact that the business side of the meeting was held within a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Life and Witness of the Church in Ealing.

The service began with the hymn "Christ is made the sure Foundation" followed by The Greeting, Invitation to Confession and The Collect.

The interior of St. Peter's looking east

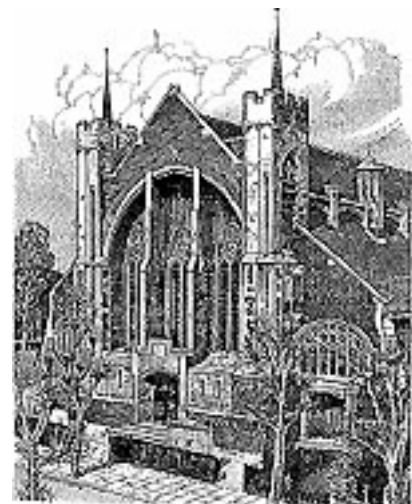
We then had The Financial Report which was approved and seconded. A reading from the letter to the Philippians was next after which there was the election of a Governor for Twyford CE High School followed by the hymn Father, Lord of all Creation.

The Gospel reading was then followed by another Agenda item, a report on re-visiting the Diocesan Supported Parishes in the Deanery. I believe that there are seven parishes that are given financial support.

This was the last of the "business" side of the meeting and we continued with the Eucharistic Service.

At the end of the service refreshments (home made wine and nibbles) were served which gave us the opportunity to socialise with everyone. I recognised the Rev. Valerie Aitken from the days when Ealing Bereavement Network used to have meetings and she and Rev. Andrew Corsie, the Chairman, were amazed that we have six members in our Bereavement Group as this seems to be something of a record and were very pleased that we were still carrying out such an important part of the Ministry.

I look forward to the next meeting which is to be held in September at Holy Trinity, Southall.



St. Peter's was built from 1892-3

Joan Bird