

Deanery Synod report for 2023

Deanery Synod met 3 times during 2023 and there were the usual changes in the deanery and diocese with new appointments and announcements of retirement

In March we were given a presentation by Laura Webster, Diocesan Children and Young People's Mission and Ministry Adviser for Bromley and Bexley. She spoke about the Growing Faith foundation, which seeks to connect with schools, churches and households in supporting the faith development of children and young people

She emphasised the need to make ministry with children and young people a high priority and ensure the resources are made available in the congregation

In April we welcomed the new Archdeacon, Allie Kerr, into the diocese and she was able to spend a day in the Bromley deanery in May, visiting churches and meeting representatives from most congregations

In July Rev Andrew McLellan, vicar of St Johns Church Bromley, gave a presentation about Inter-Faith engagement and the importance of good relationships between churches and other places of worship

In November we had a dynamic presentation by Mike Harrowing, CEO of Spinnaker Trust, who encouraged us by explaining the great work this charity do in local primary schools taking assemblies and engaging with children and staff.

This was Rev Alan Keeler's (vicar of St Mary's Bromley) final synod as he had announced his retirement in early 2024. We gave him a farewell gift and wished him well.

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