

## **DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2025**

The Rev Richard Jones, Vicar of Christ Church and St. Paul's, Anerley, was appointed Area Dean of the Beckenham Deanery with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, succeeding Fr Jeremy Blunden, Rector of St. George's.

The first Synod meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March, jointly with Bromley Deanery, was at Christ Church, Chislehurst, when Bishop Jonathan spoke about progress of the 'Called Together' vision for the Diocese to 'Change, Serve and Grow'. The Diocese has been awarded central funding of about £11m to support its strategy, and workstreams including missional leadership development, missional projects and setting up School Engagement and Resource Hubs are highlights. Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Working Groups will have a refreshed role; our Archdeacon is taking a lead on this.

On 4<sup>th</sup> June the Deanery gathered at Christ Church, Beckenham for a service of Holy Communion.

On 14<sup>th</sup> October, the Deanery gathered for worship at St. James, Elmers End. Father Russell Stagg's address was particularly on point with encouragement to work together as Deanery churches and fellowships to build God's Kingdom.

No Deanery business was conducted during the year; no doubt this will surface in 2026...