

## **Enfield Deanery Synod Report**

The Enfield Deanery Synod this year was represented by Andrea Edwards and Barrie Lane.

In November 2018, we had the new Bishop of London attend the meeting. Bishop Sarah spoke to us about her experiences since being in post, the importance of churches sharing ideas and of resourcing both clergy and lay people to be effective in their roles in the church. Bishop Sarah will be looking at what will follow Capital Vision 2020.

In February 2019, the Deanery Synod met at St John's Church to celebrate good examples of Pastoral care. Four different churches gave examples, St Alphege's gave an overview of their pastoral team, St Peter and St Paul's described their Community cafe, All Saints Edmonton, initiated the St Simeon's and the St Anna Prayer Group for those who are retired.

St Andrews, Southgate are involved in a Memory Cafe for people with Dementia. It is a warm relaxed space where people with Dementia and carers can go and relax, dance, sing and play games. Carers also have access to advice. This is operated by the Rotary Club of Southgate in association with St Andrews and Enfield Age UK.

The Diocese of London is now looking beyond 2020 as Capital 2020 expires next year. New ideas are being explored. The focus now is on linking with the wider community and forming collaborations with different organisations of which the Memory Cafe described above is a good example!

Barrie is stepping down this year and we are grateful to him for all his dedication to this role over the years.

**Andrea Edwards and Barrie Lane**