

## Deanery Synod Report 2025-26

There have been 3 meetings this year- 2 on zoom, one in person.

The June meeting focused on parishes feedback for their focus on mission with the emphasis on Healing. An example of this was the church in South Nutfield, being used once a month by the Ukrainian church for a service as bereavement as an issue their community sadly often has to address.

In the November meeting (on Zoom which I was unable to attend), the focus was on Diversity and Inclusion- this examined how parishes were reaching out to the wider community, to become more diverse and inclusive as a church family.

An example of this was the provision of community fridges.

Difficult questions of how accessibility to the wider community and how we reached the middle age groups were discussed.

In February there was a presentation by David Cunhill about **Greenhouse**- a learning community which helps churches to develop new Christian communities or extend existing projects.

Alain has already been in contact with this group and has worked with them with Liz about the Café Church. They found the input useful

Apart from these main strands, other points of interest;

- A team is working to develop a pilgrimage route, taking in all the churches in the deanery
- As our electoral roll is over 50 we are entitled to 2 representatives on the deanery synod
- The new Deanery safeguarding Officer is Michael Brown
- Members were asked to discuss and contribute to the consultation on the appointment of the new archbishop
- Deanery picnic will be held at Glebe Field Tandridge on the 21/6/26