

# Report to the 2020 APCM of St Mary's Tadley North Parish Church from the Deanery Synod Representatives

**St Mary's Tadley North**, within the Benefice of **Tadley with Pamber Heath and Silchester** forms part of the **Basingstoke Deanery**. The **Deanery Synod** is the meeting of representatives from all of the Church of England churches within the deanery. The **Deanery Synod** serves as a communication and cooperation mechanism where we explore what we can do better together rather than on our own. Churches nominate and send representatives to the **Deanery Synod meetings** that occur 4 times per year. Sally Wood and Steve Sakakini have served as your Deanery Synod representatives for this year. Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions meant that we have not met as a Deanery Synod since our meeting in February 2020.

During 2019 and up to February 2020, the Deanery Synod met in the following months and locations:

February 2019	Christ Church, Chineham
May 2019	St Gabriel's, Popley
September 2019	St Mark's, Kempshot
November 2019	St Leonard's, Oakley
February 2020	Christ Church, Chineham

The meetings planned for May and September 2020 were cancelled. The next Deanery Synod meeting will be held after parishes hold their delayed APCM's for 2020, and is scheduled for early November on Zoom. This will also be the beginning of a new 3-year cycle.

Here are some of the topics we have covered at our meetings:

- Mission Kit – Try Praying
- Youth Discipleship
- Homelessness – Night Light Winter Shelter
- St Michael's Hospice
- Stewardship. Ways of generating income and grants.

The members of the Deanery Synod are copied on the Deanery progress towards the **Common Mission Fund**. This is meant to emphasize that we are all working together and supporting one another.

The Deanery Synod continues to be an important mechanism where we express our unity and diversity as churches. Each time we gather together, the host church leads us in worship in a style that they choose, the host also gives an update on key points of ministry, mission, and prayer for that church, and it is a good way to see and hear what God is doing in our local area. We receive communications and information from the Diocese that we share with the PCC and with the wider church community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Wood and Steve Sakakini