

CITY DEANERY SYNOD

Synod met three times in 2010.

On 20 January Synod welcomed the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and a Mayoral team.

Mr Cliff Radmore, St Margaret Lothbury, and the Rev Canon Jim Rosenthal, London Internet Church, gave presentations on the use of websites and internet communication in furthering interest in church and faith.

The Lord Mayor was presented with the score of Handel's Messiah. In his response, the Lord Mayor drew attention to the impact of the recession on many City workers and urged churches to stay open as many found solace in our buildings.

After the Mayoral party had left, the Rev George Bush and Rachel Lindley spoke about Arcubus, raising microfinance in the City for Africa and in particular Mozambique.

On 29 June a joint social evening for City and Westminster Deaneries was held in Temple Church Rectory garden with Mr Andy Brookes, the new Diocesan Secretary and CEO (and former member of the Celebrate congregation) giving an amusing and informative address.

On 7 October the main topic was Faith in the Workplace. The Revd Dr Philip Walker spoke on Natural Church Development and the City, listing 8 qualities for a healthy growing church - an empowering leadership, gift based ministry, passionate spirituality, inspiring worship, holistic small groups, need orientated outreach/evangelism, loving relationships and effective structures. A lively discussion ensued. The website www.ncd-uk.com was recommended.

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