

## **RICHMOND AND BARNES DEANERY SYNOD**

Tuesday 6th February 2024 – 7:30pm

At ST MARY'S, BARNES  
Church Road, SW13 9HL

(Coffee/Tea will be available from 7.15pm)

### **A G E N D A**

- 1 Opening prayers – Rev James Hutchings.
- 2 Hymn.
- 3 Introduction and welcome, Rev Alex Barrow (Area Dean).
- 4 Minutes of meeting of 3rd October 2023.
- 5 "How should Christians think and pray about the current situation in Israel and Palestine?" – a discussion and forum with Bishop Richard Harries (author of "After the Evil: Christianity and Judaism in the Shadow of the Holocaust") and Rhidian Brook (novelist, who has just returned from a year as artist in residence at St George's Jerusalem).
- 6 Deanery Knife Crime Appeal - Recommendation to support [Operation Forgiveness](#) with previously pledged Deanery funds (see below for full resolution).
- 7 Southwark Vision - Investment Programme Roadshows.
- 8 Eco Deanery update.
- 9 Area Dean's Notices.
- 10 AOB
- 11 Closing Prayer.

Next Meetings:     **Wednesday 22nd May 2024** – St Anne's, Kew  
                          **Monday 30th September 2024** – St Richard's, Ham

## **Recommendation to support Operation Forgiveness with previously pledged Deanery Funds**

It was agreed at the Deanery Synod on 27th January 2020, that £1,000 of Deanery funds should be allocated to the Knife Crime appeal. At that time the appeal was to raise funds to fund a knife bin for five years to be placed somewhere in the Diocese where it would be most needed. After many years of working with the Diocese, we were unable to find a suitable location for the bin. The Diocese put us in touch with [Operation Forgiveness](#), an early intervention knife-crime initiative, delivered by local churches to local schools. We believe this is a suitable alternative beneficiary of the previously pledged Deanery funds.

The Deanery Knife Crime appeal also raised funds from churches within the Deanery. The Churches that pledged funds have been contacted individually and have indicated their wishes which have been carried out and are unaffected by this resolution.