

YOUTH SHINE IN THE NEWHAM DEANERY YOUTH LECTOR PROGRAMME

NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMMUNITY LEADERS



Young people and lector leaders pictured on zoom

On Saturday, 22nd June 2024, the Newham Deanery Ms Olivea Ohonmele held a pivotal session for its Youth Lector Programme, an initiative designed to hone the skills of talented young lectors. This session brought together 26 enthusiastic attendees and 6 dedicated Lector Leaders, creating a dynamic environment for skill development and spiritual enrichment.

The Newham Deanery Youth Lector Programme is recognised for fostering leadership and enhancing the spiritual journey of young readers. This session provided a unique opportunity for these youths to cultivate their abilities in liturgical reading. The attendees, representing all schools and parishes in Newham, were among the top readers in the community, chosen for their exceptional talent and dedication.

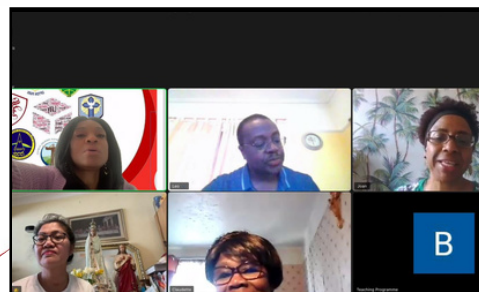
The session commenced with a warm welcome from the Lector Leaders, who shared their experiences and insights into the art of liturgical reading, emphasising clear articulation, emotional resonance, and spiritual connection. A highlight was the unveiling of an official document made by Ms Olivea that details key tips for effective Lectoring. This document offered practical a-

-dvices and profound insights, enriching the learning experience for all attendees.

Despite some technical challenges during the online segments, several tech-savvy children helped resolve the issues, ensuring the session proceeded smoothly. This incident highlighted the importance of adaptability and teamwork, further cementing the bonds between leaders and participants. The Lector Leaders were impressed with the children's initiative and problem-solving abilities, recognising them as capable leaders.

Throughout the session, the children demonstrated their reading prowess, captivating their audience with clear and emotive deliveries. Each reading was met with applause and constructive feedback from the Lector Leaders. The session fostered an environment of mutual respect and encouragement, allowing each young lector to shine.

Looking ahead, the Newham Deanery plans to build on this session's success. A specialised workshop for Lector Leaders, scheduled for July 2024, will focus on effectively utilising online platforms like Zoom to prevent technical issues and ensure a more productive learning environment in



Lector leaders pictured on zoom

future sessions.

The Newham Deanery Youth Lector Programme stands as a beacon of leadership and spiritual growth within the community. The session on 22nd June 2024 exemplified the programme's dedication to nurturing the next generation of leaders, readers, and spiritually enlightened individuals. As the Deanery continues to evolve, it remains steadfast in its mission to provide young lectors with the tools, knowledge, and support they need to excel.

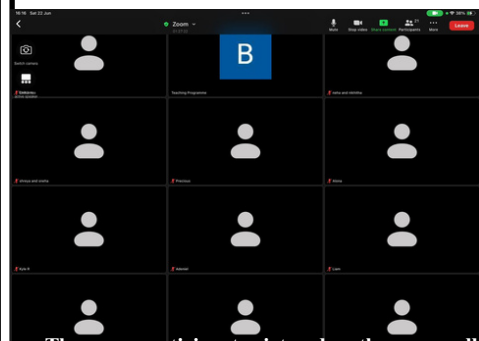
In conclusion, the recent session was a resounding success. The Newham Deanery Youth Lector Programme continues to inspire and uplift, fostering a community of young individuals poised to make significant contributions to their parishes and beyond.

Heavenly Father,

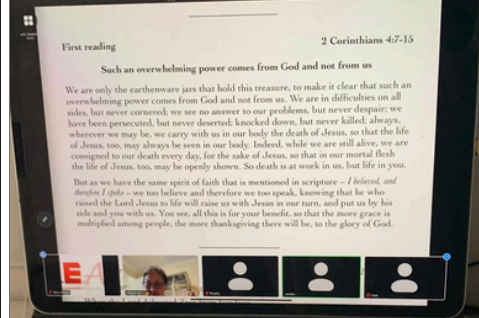
We thank You for the gift of these young lectors, whose voices bring Your Word to life. Bless them with wisdom, clarity, and a deep spiritual connection as they share Your message with the congregation. May their dedication inspire others and strengthen our community in faith and unity. Guide them with Your grace, that they may continue to grow as leaders and instruments of Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The many participants pictured on the zoom call



Lector leader pictured going through a passage

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