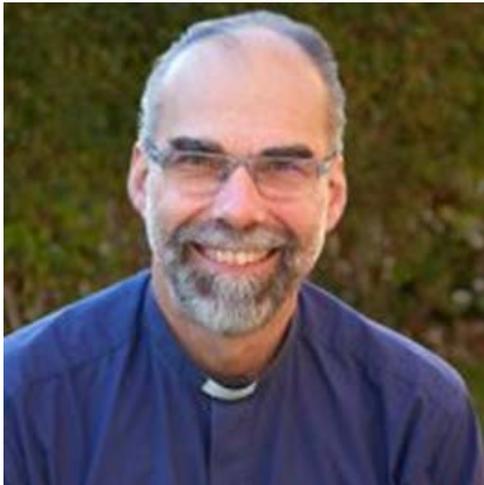


# ST MARY'S EALING, 24HOURS@HOME



22 – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at St Mary's Church, Ealing

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It was great to welcome Kevin and Anne Roberts to St. Mary's for our *24hours@Home* event in September and it was great to have over 120 members of St Mary's participating on the Saturday alone. Kevin and Anne taught two sessions for us on the longings that lead to deeper discipleship and the roots that sustain a deeper walk with Christ. Both were accessible, encouraging and challenging. The children and young people enjoyed their own time together. We then had a meal together provided by our local Pub, followed by an all-age Barn Dance for the rest of the evening. This went down a storm and was hugely enjoyed by all ages. Nothing gets all ages smiling and laughing together like a barn dance. We had a 4-year-old dancing with an 80-year-old. Brilliant!

Part of the purpose of the weekend was to help deepen relationships in the church and enjoy getting to know each other better which was certainly achieved. The teaching was accessible and high quality and certainly appreciated. Fruit from these times will come as we continue to grow in

Christ going forward. The essential growth of root systems is not always immediately visible on the surface and our Christians lives can be like this. With prayer, teaching and encouragement our lives will become more Christ-like if we increasingly desire Christ and seek to follow him in the routines of our everyday lives. Our study book was also launched on the weekend: 'Followers of the Way: ancient discipleship for modern Christians' by Simon Reed.

On the Sunday in our main communion service Kevin and Anne invited us to step into a deeper discipleship. This was a powerful message around God doing a new thing. He is not the God of the routine but of new things which will surprise us. It was a thoroughly wholistic weekend feeding us spiritually, deepening our hunger for God and our desire to seek him and serve him, and it was good fun too!

**Steve Paynter**