

**DIOCESAN SYNOD**

Title: **BISHOP'S COUNCIL, DIOCESAN MISSION & PASTORAL COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Since the previous meeting of the Diocesan Synod the Bishop's Council has met in November and February. In addition to these the Bishop's Council held their annual day meeting in January, which was based around the theme of Discipleship. They considered ideas for the 'School for Disciples' following on from the November Synod and received some trustee training. A summary of the main items from each of the business meetings are as follows:

**2 December 2015****Bishop's Council**

- Endorsed the development of a Centre for Rural Excellence,
- Received an update on committee elections,
- Received an update on safeguarding provision in the diocese.

**DMPC**

- Welcomed the approval of Saffron Walden Deanery as a Mission and Ministry Unit,
- Approved two interim ministry appointments.
- Endorsed six pieces of pastoral reorganisation approved at the Area meetings.

**Finance Committee**

- Approved appointments to sub committees of the Finance Committee for the new triennium,
- Approved the audit fee and noted the changes required for the 2015 accounts,
- Approved list of signatories on the bank mandate for 2016.

**11 February 2016****Bishop's Council**

- Endorsed the recommendation of the proposed new parish share scheme,
- Approved appointments to vacancies on the Area Mission and Pastoral Committees,
- Received and discussed a report of statistics for mission from 2014.

### **DMPC**

- Considered the developing plans to respond to new housing areas in the Diocese, including the approval of a Diocesan-wide Mission and Regeneration Adviser already being done in practice by a member of the Barking Area Team,
- Approved three interim ministry appointments,
- Approved an amendment to appoint the Archdeacon of Southend as the Bishop's Visitor for the BMO for the Diocese of Chelmsford Deaf Church.

### **Finance Committee**

- Approved the risk register,
- Agreed a recommendation of a 0.5% increase to be submitted in the national stipends consultation,
- Approved accounting policy changes arising from the new Statement Of Recommended Practice,
- Approved a board resolution for a mortgage to support the provision of curates' houses,
- Approved an appointment to the Sparrows Board,
- Approved further release of the agreed loan from the DBF to the Sparrows Board,
- Approved an appointment to Houses Committee.

Members are asked to NOTE the report.