



THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

Summary of the Diocesan Council of Trustees' Meeting 21 January 2021

The Diocesan Council of Trustees (the umbrella body incorporating the Bishop's Council, Diocesan Board of Finance, the Parsonages Board, and the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee) met 21 January via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by the Bishop of Southwark, Alan Saunders, and the Archdeacon of Reigate. The agenda covered the following:

Welcomes, Prayer and Apologies

Trustees were welcomed and the meeting began with prayer, led by the Bishop of Southwark.

Declarations of Interest

The Chair asked for declarations of interest from Trustees on items of the Agenda.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Management Report, including Seals Report

The Management Report was presented to Trustees which incorporated updates which were not necessarily covered in the main agenda, the Seals Report and Key Performance Indicators.

Covid-19, lockdown, and the Diocese

The Bishop of Southwark gave an update on developments following the third lockdown and advice offered to parishes and deaneries from the Coronavirus Task Group. This included guidance letters to parishes regarding APCM and Meeting of Parishioners. Trinity House was not open to the public, however for urgent items (including financial, legal and post) staff were able to attend briefly twice a week.

2021 Annual Objectives in the context of Southwark Vision

Trustees were presented 2021 Annual Objectives, in the light of Covid-19, and the key themes in line with Southwark Vision. Diocesan Synod had been presented the Annual Objectives at their December 2020 meeting. Trustees unanimously approved the 2021 Annual Objectives.

Scheme for Representation of Bishop's Mission Orders

Trustees were presented with a draft scheme to permit representation of Bishop's Mission Orders to Deanery Synods. The draft was discussed and formally recommended to the Diocesan Synod at its meeting in March 2021.

Standing Orders for Diocesan Synod

Trustees were given a PowerPoint presentation of updated Standing Orders for the Diocesan Synod, this included references to the new Church Representation Rules 2020,



the new Diocesan Structures, is in clearer modern language, and includes amendments to include virtual and mixed mode meetings. The draft copy was to be circulated, and comments offered, in advance of the Diocesan Synod circulation, to which it was to be presented in March.

November Finance Report and Latest forecasting

Trustees were presented with the November Finance Report, which they received in December as part of an ongoing monthly update. The December Report was to be circulated shortly after the meeting for comment electronically.

2020 Audit & Annual Report Update

Trustees were advised that the 2020 Audit, including the timetable and the Annual Report, were still scheduled as planned despite the third lockdown. Unusually this would be the first audit to be conducted entirely remotely.

Saint Margaret the Queen Update

Trustees were given an update on the Saint Margaret the Queen project which had been moving at pace, despite the lockdowns.

Current list of suspensions (Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee - DMPC)

The comprehensive list of current suspensions was noted.

Cases for Decision and Noting

Trustees took note and approved the following items in respect of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee (DMPC), which had been fully discussed, consulted, and recommended by the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committees.

- **Streatham Hill St Margaret the Queen**

Agreed the renewal of suspension for up to five years for reasons of possible pastoral re-organisation.

- **Brockley St Peter**

Agreed the proposal to lift existing suspension.

- **Sydenham & Forest Hill Holy Trinity**

Agreed the renewal of suspension for up to five years for parsonage reasons.

- **Camberwell St George**

Agreed the proposal to lift existing suspension.

- **Dulwich St Clement**

Agreed the proposal to lift existing suspension.

- **Camberwell St Luke**

Agreed the proposal to lift existing suspension.

- **Bermondsey St Katherine w St Bartholomew**

Agreed the proposal to lift existing suspension.