



THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

Summary of the Diocesan Council of Trustees' Meeting 21 July 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 July via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by the Bishop of Southwark, Alan Saunders, and the Archdeacon of Lambeth. 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.

New Commissioned and Licenced Lay Ministries

Trustees were presented with an update from the Director of Discipleship, Lay Ministry and Continuing Ministerial Education, on the ongoing work recommended by the Lay Leadership and Lay Ministry Report, as approved by Diocesan Synod. This included new forms of lay ministry and training, some of which were to be launched in the Autumn.

Update from Diocesan Synod including elections

The Diocesan Secretary gave a presentation and update on the ongoing and upcoming elections to the Diocesan Synod, General Synod and Boards and Committees.

Implementation of Deployment Strategy Policy

The Bishop of Croydon, the Archdeacon of Lambeth and the Diocesan Secretary gave a presentation on the Deployment Vision and Strategy policy and its implementation in the context of Covid-recovery. This included new and innovative ways of *doing* mission in parishes which were embedded within all Diocesan structures to achieve the Southwark Vision.

June Finance Report and Latest Forecasting

Trustees were presented with the June Finance Report, which they received as part of an ongoing monthly update.

Auditor Update

Trustees were presented, and noted, the Audit Timetable (for 2021) and formally approved the Auditor's Engagement Letter from Buzzacott LLP. Following a full review by



the Audit & Risk Committee and approval from the Diocesan Council of Trustees, the Diocese changed Auditors from Haysmacintyre LLP to Buzzacott LLP and Trustees noted resignation documentation from Haysmacintyre.

Saint Margaret the Queen Update

Trustees were given an update on the Saint Margaret the Queen project which despite best efforts was not granted planning permission. Further updates would be presented to the Policy & Finance Committee in September.

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

- **Thornton Heath, St Jude**

Agreed the suspension of right of presentation for up to five years for parsonage reasons

- **Riddlesdown, St James**

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

- **South Nutfield, Christ Church**

Approved the suspension of right of presentation for up to five years for reasons of possible pastoral re-organisation.

- **South Lambeth, St Stephen**

Approved the suspension of right of presentation for up to five years for reasons of possible pastoral re-organisation