Diocesan Synod

Saturday 26 September 2020
General Synod: update

Canon Izzy McDonald-Booth (GS Member)
• Clergy Covenant was made an ‘Act of Synod’
• This means it will need to be proclaimed in every Diocesan Synod
• Covers a) a commitment to the Church of England’s members to promote the welfare of the clergy and their households and b) to coordinate and improve the approach to clergy care and wellbeing
• The working group has proposed that Diocesan Synods ‘debate with a view to adopting the covenant by the end of 2020’, invite PCC’s and Deanery Synods to consider and adopt the Covenant within a year and to engage with the wider ‘Big Conversation’ at national level.
General Synod – July 2020 Meeting

• New style of meeting on Zoom over 1 day
• Address was given by the new Archbishop of York
• Leading a renewed strategy for the church over the next 10 years
• Most of the session was questions
• Overwhelming focus on Covid-19 and Safeguarding issues
• Synod met this week to enact a measure to allow us to transact business remotely
Transformation

Archdeacon of Northumberland
THE Emerging Church of England

FROM:
Diverse visions
Complex governance
In an exceptional time

January 2020

TO:
Shared vision
Simpler governance
In a ‘new normal’

February 2021

A Coordinating Group, chaired by the Bishop of Manchester and reporting to the House of Bishops, the Archbishops’ Council and the Church Commissioners, brings together the work of:

A Vision and Strategy Group, led by the Archbishop of York
With a Mutual Finances sub-group, led by the Bishop of Sheffield

A Governance Group, led by the Bishop of Leeds
With a Dioceses Commission sub-group, Learning from the Diocese of Leeds

A Recovery Group, led by the Bishop of London

A Transforming Effectiveness, led by the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, realigning the operating model of the national church

INPUTS:
✓ Understand our strategic context
✓ Theological insight from FAOC
✓ Identify key solvency and liquidity issues
✓ Respond to immediate financial challenges

The Church in the ‘new normal’

Key strategic priorities for the next 10 years

Simpler governance structures

Transformed ways of working
Financial update for 2020

the current position
2020: Key Points

- Starting point is budgeted deficit £90k
- Parish Share is falling £1,100k
- Saving package put in place £390k
- Budget deficit is rising £710k
- Extra funding sourced to plug gap £599k
- Ending point is forecast deficit £111k
Parish Share falls £k...

Budgeted: £4,496
Forecast: £3,396
Shortfall: £1,100
Expenditure savings plan £k...

- **Budgeted**: £7,203
- **Forecast**: £6,813
- **Savings Package**: £390
Deficit increases £k...

- Budgeted: £90
- Forecast: £800
- Increase: £710
Filling the gap £k...

- Gap to fill: £710
- Contributions: £599
- Gap left: £111
Recap of key points

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Budget proposal for 2021

Simon Harper, Shane Waddle, Phil Ambrose
Budget proposal key points

- Budgeted spend: £7,279k
- Budgeted income (not Parish Share): £2,528k
- Gap: £4,751k
- Reductions package: £175k
- Budgeted deficit: £80k
- Parish Share (as 2020 request): £4,496k
- Parish Share (as 2020 forecast): £3,396k
- 2021 Contingency Fund: £1,100k
2021 budget £k...

Expenditure: £7,279
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Filling the gap £k...

- Reductions Package: £175
- Budgeted Deficit: £80
- Total: £255
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Breakout discussions

• What really matters?
• How do we use the budget to serve God’s people everywhere?
• How do you feel about this?