

5. Financial Report

The reports prepared by Paul Emmerson, chair of the Finance Committee, and from Rob Scott, treasurer, having been circulated in advance, were received by the synod.

6. Diocesan Synod update

In his report Canon Adrian Jordan brought to the attention of synod members the re-phasing of the diocese's process for re-shaping support for mission and ministry. It is now intended to bring proposals to the diocesan synod in November.

7. Diocesan Strategic Development

Following discussions in PCCs, parish representatives shared with the synod the main issues identified and concerns expressed in response to the diocese's process of consultation about re-organisation. In group discussion at the synod, the following key points emerged:

- a. the need to identify current strengths, resources and skill sets across the deanery, as a basis for planning how best to promote closer and more effective work together in mission and ministry;
- b. rural and urban parishes need to be treated differently;
- c. having a visible Christian presence in each place enables growth;
- d. revised systems of governance could be more effective and less time consuming;
- e. need to identify what posts, lay and clergy, could be shared between parishes or across the deanery, recognising that this needs to be established on a longer-term timescale beyond current personalities or post-holders;
- f. how do we enable creative encounters in community contexts grow into enquiring discipleship?

The reports received from PCC discussions will be supplied to members of the deanery Mission & Pastoral Committee for detailed reflection and planning, alongside the synod's discussion.

Next Meeting: 22nd September 2021

Agenda – presentation by Mr Chris Parker, diocesan stewardship adviser

- future development of relationship with Waiwso Diocese

Additional meetings of the deanery synod may be required depending on the timing of progress with diocesan strategic development.