

DIOCESE OF GLASGOW and GALLOWAY

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scottish Charity no SC013925

*Outline of the **BISHOP'S STAFF GROUP** meeting held on 13th October 2009*

Present: The Dean, the Provost, Diocesan Treasurer, Diocesan Secretary

Vacancies:	Episcopal vacancy	Second meeting of Preparatory Committee on 16 th October.
	Airdrie	Two interviewees
	East Kilbride	Profiles complete, about to start interviewing
	King's Park	Interest being shown
	Port Glasgow	Revd Andrew McMichael to be instituted on 22 nd December
	Lenzie	Still working on their vision
	Troon	Interviewing shortly

Ministry & Mission:

Bishop's Lenten Appeal 2009 – to be closed after due warning to charges, now standing at £12,654

Property

The Property Committee had identified a number of properties currently surplus to requirements, which they recommended selling.

- 77 Merryvale Avenue, Giffnock is shared approximately 70/30 by the Province and ourselves. The Province wishes to sell, and the Diocese will receive its share.
- Cumbernauld Rectory Revd Barnabas Oguguo lives in his own house; there is little likelihood of the Rectory being required in the medium term, and the Diocese will sell the property.
- 7 Meadowburn, Bishopbriggs The Diocese will sell the property.
- Bishop's House Because of its age and size, there are significant costs every year in repairs and renewals. It could be replaced by a modern house for less than it would yield, that will be much cheaper to run. The Staff Group felt that the Diocese should budget for selling and purchasing a new house, but defer the decision pending appointment of a Bishop, who might choose to stay in the existing house, or have a view on its replacement.
- Office refurbishment – complete in about 2 weeks. No vat payable as listed building. In the course of the work, it had been found that an external wall was seriously faulty. An immediate inspection and emergency repairs as appropriate were in hand.

Finance

3-year Budget Projections were discussed, and the Treasurer would have figures for Diocesan Council

Cash requirements. Due to the Paisley requirement, the diocese would have no cash left by the end of the year. Sale of the properties should cover the need, but it might be necessary to sell some shares temporarily until the cash came through

Administration:

Agenda for Diocesan Council meeting - 17th October – agreed

Diocesan Synod – 27th February. New Bishop to be consulted on Lenten Appeal. Planning Group to consider how to get members more engaged in Synod.

Diocesan Arms. Colour painting to cost £300, B&W drawing £200. Working sketches approved.

Diocesan Statistics to include gender analysis and MCG proposal this year.

Meeting on Anglican Covenant – diocesan submission agreed.

Mrs Anne Jones' draft remit for the Diocesan Protection was accepted, as were her plans for reporting to Synod. She would attend Diocesan Council on 17th October.

Gib FitzGibbon

Diocesan Secretary