## BISHOP’S STAFF GROUP - DIGEST

## Meeting held on 17th July 2014

### Present:The Bishop, Dean, Synod Clerk, Provost, Diocesan Treasurer, Diocesan Secretary.

**Vacancies**

**Cambuslang / Uddingston** – Bishop Gregor and the Dean are continuing with the process to find a potential appointment.

**Port Glasgow / Kilmalcolm / Bridge of Weir** – a suitable candidate has been suggested by the Bishop to be interviewed for the part-time post in July.

**Stewartry** – the Vestries have agreed a new pattern of ministry with a linked charge at Castle Douglas and Dalbeattie.

**Diocesan Treasurer** – a job advertisement and job description will be circulated throughout the Diocese.

**Episcopal Ministry**

Bishop Gregor attended the National War memorial Service at Edinburgh Castle on July 3rd, with John Stuart, General Secretary at the General Synod Office, and was presented to HM Queen Elizabeth.

**Property**

**Holy Trinity Kilmarnock** – Plans for the upgrade of the rectory will be examined at the September meeting of the Diocesan Council along with a presentation of costs and proposals.

**Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright and St. Mary’s Gatehouse of Fleet -** the Dean reported on the request from the joint vestries to sell the Rectory and the preference of the Diocesan Property Committee to refurbish the building. A report will go to Diocesan Council for their consideration.

**Holy Cross Knightswood** – the Dean reported that the new tenants, Unity Enterprise were carrying out some security work on the building, the rectory will be demolished imminently and the leases are going well.

**Finance**

The request for Stipend Support for the Diocese for the next year has been calculated and sent to the General Synod office for agreement.

**Other**

* **The Gathering 2015** – early planning for the Gathering 2015 has begun, with the Eucharist to be celebrated in St. Mary’s and then the Gathering itself to take place in St. Silas, Woodlands, Glasgow.
* **Post-Referendum Discussion -** St. Silas has been booked for the Post-Referendum Discussion on the afternoon of Saturday November 08, at which all of the Diocese will be invited to review the outcome, the effects on the SEC and what contribution we can make to Post-Referendum Scotland.
* **DNS** - Following the resignation of Ms Susi Cormack-Brown as Editor, new arrangements for the DNS are under discussion. Meantime, the Diocesan Secretary will circulate news items to the clergy list and arrange for the news events to be added to the Diocesan website and calendar.

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