## BISHOP’S STAFF GROUP - DIGEST

## Meeting held on 23rd September 2014

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

**Vacancies**

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

**Port Glasgow / Kilmalcolm / Bridge of Weir** – the proposed candidate has withdrawn, and vacancy process continues.

**Stewartry** – vacancy procedure at Dalbeattie to start in October.

**Dumbarton/Alexandria** – following the resignation of Revd. A. Jones, she will be replaced by Revd. L. O’Ryan.

**Diocesan Treasurer** – a second candidate will be interviewed in mid-October.

**Ministry Development Officer** – The BSG agreed to support a new full time clerical post. The duties and a job description are being drafted, shaped to some degree by other changes in the province and diocese, and the future requirements of both mission and ministry. A sub group will work on the details with the aim of advertising by the end of the year.

**Episcopal Ministry**

The Bishop reported on the highly successful restored organ dedication and excellent recital service at St. Margaret’s Newlands.

**Property**

**Holy Trinity Kilmarnock** – Plans for the upgrade of the rectory were agreed by Diocesan Council and finances have been put aside for this financial year and the next to bring the property up to the required standard.

**Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright and St. Mary’s Gatehouse of Fleet** – following discussion at Diocesan Council it has been agreed that the joint vestries should be asked to conduct a sale and purchase of a new suitable property within a six month timescale and with a specified budget.

**Holy Cross Knightswood** – the Dean reported that the new leases are going well. Some residual work needs to be completed on the utilities billing.

**Christ Church Dalbeattie** – Following the discovery of rot in the tower, St. Ninian’s Castle Douglas offered a grant of £5,000 towards repairs and the Diocese have agreed to match that kind gesture.

**Other**

* **Post Referendum Discussion** - St. Silas church hall has been booked for the Post-Referendum Discussion on the afternoon of Saturday November 08, and the event has been circulated to all clergy for advertisement. The Rev Kevin Francis, Honorary Anglican Chaplain at Glasgow University will chair the meeting.
* **DNS** - New arrangements for the DNS continue to be developed. Meantime, the Diocesan Secretary will continue to circulate news items to the clergy list and arrange for the news events to be added to the Diocesan website and calendar.
* **Cascade Conversations** – events have been arranged in three locations across the Diocese, Glasgow Newlands, Ayr and Dumfries.

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