## BISHOP’S STAFF GROUP - DIGEST

## Meeting held on 12th March 2015

### Present:TheDean (Chair), Synod Clerk, The Provost, Diocesan Treasurer, Diocesan Secretary (minutes),

Absent Bishop Gregor (accidental fall)

**Vacancies**

**Cambuslang/Uddingston** – Interim priest appointed, both charges running well, Lanarkshire ministry to meet in May and review ministry support across the region.

**Port Glasgow / Kilmalcolm / Bridge of Weir** – Licensing to take place on Saturday May 30th.

**Gatehouse and Kirkcudbright** – Vacancy proceeding well.

**St. Silas Woodlands Glasgow** – Vacancy process moving ahead, housing discussions underway with Diocesan Treasurer advising.

**Holy Trinity Kilmarnock** – Rectory renovation almost complete, issues with stipend affordability, Diocesan Treasurer assisting.

**St. Oswald’s King’s Park** – Candidate interviewed. No appointment before August. Vestry to considering purchase of a new rectory.

**St. Bride’s Hyndland / Kelvinside** – Vacancy process started, full time stipendiary expected.

**East End team** – Interim Priest appointed (Revd. Les Ireland). Dean to visit, Diocesan Treasurer assisting with ring fenced finance for housing.

**St. Paul and St. John, Monklands** – The Bishop to meet with vestry to start the vacancy process.

**Canon Missioner** – Candidate to be interviewed next month.

**Property**

**St. Cuthbert’s Cambuslang** – repairs underway with intention to put property on rental market.

**Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright and St. Mary’s Gatehouse of Fleet** – Conveyancing process underway to finalise sale of rectory, with joint vestries both putting in funds.

**St. Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow** – architectural review taking place over long term roof repairs

**Christ Church, Dalbeattie** – costs and plans being pulled together for options to deal with the tower, including partial demolition and redesign of church roof.

**Other**

* **St. Andrews Milngavie** – The Dean is to meet with the Diocesan Treasurer regarding both finance and housing for St. Andrews, Milngavie.

* **Financial Regulations Review** – the Treasurer will start to review the Financial Regulations by meeting with the Auditors and the Diocesan Secretary at the end of March.
* **Diocesan News** – the newsletter is now underway and the second issue is going out. To register to receive the newsletter you should go to the following link <http://news.church.scot/> where you need to leave your name and email address. Please encourage people to sign up, and remember that you can freely copy articles into paper copy church magazines.

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