

Bishop's Diocesan Council Report Update for Truro Diocesan Synod

Period: May 2018 to September, 2018

Overall

The period from May to September 2018 the BDC met three times and it focused on the following areas:

- Mission and Ministry Fund (MMF), Deanery plans and determining costs of ministry
- Finalising draft budget 2019-2021 details in time for September synod meeting
- Motion to the General Synod on the environment
- Living Water 2 on valuing and supporting Local Pastoral Ministry and focus on safeguarding, requiring additional capacity
- Bishop Phillpotts Library (BPL) and regularising the arrangements now that the TDBF is sole trustee of the BPL library
- Case Review on Jeremy Dowling which was made public on 23 May, 2019
- Mission Board and ongoing work on developing a suitable model to provide funding for significant projects aimed to grow the church.
- Environment strategy proposed by the environmental core group
- Transforming Mission Phase 1 evaluation and Phase 2 future strategy

Work has continued in the background to continue to shine the spotlight on safeguarding. Four bishop's safeguarding conferences were held across the diocese during June and July. The feedback is being compiled and the safeguarding advisory committee will bring recommendations to the BDC at a later time. Diocesan Synod will be provided with an update at the diocesan synod meeting in November.

Significant milestones

Vacancy in See is no longer....

On 30 August Downing Street announced that HM The Queen has approved the nomination of the Revd Canon Philip Mounstephen as the 16th Bishop of Truro.

The Revd Canon Philip Mounstephen is currently the executive leader of Church Mission Society, a role he has occupied since 2012. Prior to that, Philip was chaplain of St Michael's Church, Paris. He has also previously worked for the Church Pastoral Aid Society in a number of roles, serving as deputy general director from 2004 to 2007. Philip will join us at the synod meeting in September and you will hear a little more from him then.

Transforming Mission update Falmouth, and where next...

The Revd Canon Bill Stuart-White has been licensed as the Priest in Charge at All Saints Falmouth and the Team Leader of Transforming Mission Falmouth.

Where and what next for Transforming Mission (TM).

The BDC will be presented with a future strategy phase 2 report when it meets in September with a proposal to submit a second bid to the Church Commissioners later in the year.

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