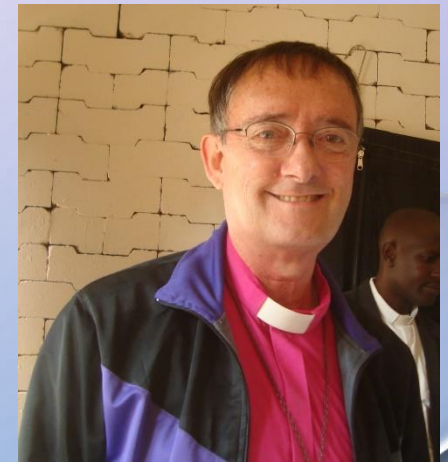




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Bishop's (Last) Report to DSC 24th November 2018 1

In the light of our Diocesan Vision:

To make disciples in vibrant, self-sufficient congregations established and linked to each other by sharing in

- ⊕ Resources
- ⊕ Ministry & service
- ⊕ Outreach & evangelism



Synod 2018

What were the main themes?
What was God saying to us?

Looking back at Synod....



1) A Time of Making Disciples & Leaders

- ⊕ Disciple-making material, training & support
- ⊕ Evaluation of training in the Diocese
- ⊕ Retired Clergy as Trainers and Mentors
- ⊕ Licenses of Priests in Charge
- ⊕ Parish action plans for evangelism & church growth

Looking back at Synod....



2) A Time to Focus on Youth & Children

- ✦ Admission of baptized children to communion
- ✦ Rule change: Requirement for Lay Ministers
- ✦ Generational gap conversations
- ✦ Parish budgets for youth and children
- ✦ Youth leadership in parish structures

Looking back at Synod....



3) Time to Care for our People

- ✦ Requirements for membership – giving in kind
- ✦ Safe Church Network team to be established
- ✦ Order of St Mark (I have one to add today!)
- ✦ Funerals of non-Anglicans or even non-believers

Looking back at Synod....



4) Time for Administration and Finance

- ✦ Jane Furse: Sale of land; Constitutions for Memorial Village & St Mark's College
- ✦ Policy to encourage mutual financial support
- ✦ Audited accounts; arrears; budget presentation
- ✦ Review of travel rates

Looking back at Synod....



5) Adapting to Changing Times

- ✦ Jane Furse: Sale of land; Constitutions for Memorial Village & St Mark's College
- ✦ United Churches where appropriate
- ✦ "Paperless Diocese" by 2021
- ✦ Communications strategy in an electronic age

Looking back at Synod....



I would summarise all of this as:

Consolidate what we
have done and
prepare to move
forward



So there is plenty to
do during the
interregnum next
year!



LOOKING FORWARD



Electing a New Bishop

What happens next?
What is God saying to us?

Electing a new Bishop....



1) Exit Process for †Martin (28th February)

- ⊕ Farewell service – Saturday 16th March at 11:00 at Christ Church Cathedral
- ⊕ Diocesan Diary 2019 – done
- ⊕ Appointment of Vicar General (†Thabo)
- ⊕ Removal (March-April)
- ⊕ Clear lines of responsibility
- ⊕ Parish pledges up to date, please!

Electing a new Bishop....



2) Election Process

1. Electoral Advisory Committee elected – done
2. Archbishop sets date for Elective Assembly:
Probably 9th-11th July 2019
3. Prepare Diocesan profile & expectations
4. Parishes elect their lay representatives
5. Nominations open

Electing a new Bishop....



2) Election Process

6. Electoral Advisory Committee prepares (Diocesan and Provincial members)
7. The names of those nominated are made public
8. The Elective Assembly meets, chaired by the Archbishop (9th-11th July)
9. The new Bishop must have 2/3 of the votes
10. The Bishop is (consecrated and) installed

Electing a new Bishop....



3) Remember what you are doing...

⊕ A spiritual discernment process

⊕ **Not** ~~a political election!~~

4) Let it be characterised by

⊕ The fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

⊕ **Not** ~~the excesses of the flesh~~
(*Galatians 5:19-21*)

You will be in my
love and prayers...
And may God be
glorified in you!

