

DIOCESAN SYNOD

A summary for sharing...



8 JULY 2025

WELCOME

Diocesan Synod were delighted to welcome Bishop Sophie to her first meeting as Synod President. You can listen to Bishop Sophie's address [here](#).



DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF CHURCHES

Tim Latham, DAC Secretary gave an overview of the work of the DAC during 2024, which included processing a record number of total applications (including Faculty and minor works applications).

Further information about the Church Buildings Team and how they can help can be found [here](#).

2024 ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Steve Coomber, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF), presented the 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements to Diocesan Synod (who are the members of the DBF).

These continue to be financially challenging times for our parishes and immense thanks were expressed to congregations for their generosity, and to the parish and deanery treasurers for their exceptional work. Their combined efforts meant that the DBF received £5.2m in parish share for 2024, a small increase on 2023. This, combined with income from our investments, enabled us to maintain our clergy and curate numbers, look after their vicarages and provide ongoing ministerial development.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by Bishop's Council (the trustees and directors of the DBF) at their meeting in June. The full report will be available on the website shortly.

DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mike Draper, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) provided an update on what has been happening in the 70+ Church of England schools within the diocese. Highlights have included building on the legacy of Alive 2023 in partnership with iSingPOP, a deanery-wide transition programme for children in Rugby and Fosse mini jamboree.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Synod approved a motion brought by Nuneaton deanery synod, looking at how best to engage with reorganisation plans across Warwickshire. Details of further info sessions will be shared shortly.

THANK YOU

Our thanks to St Nicolas, Nuneaton for hosting us and leading our opening worship.



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