

DIOCESAN SYNOD ACTS

21 June 2017



Acts of the Diocesan Synod held on 21 June 2017 at Wolvesey, Winchester. 59 members were in attendance. Mrs Alison Coulter led members in prayer to open the meeting.

The Bishop of Winchester welcomed members.

Annual Report & Financial Statement For The Year Ending 31 December 2016

The Director of Finance, Mr Malcolm Twigger-Ross gave an overview of the financial report for 2016, as adopted by the Directors of the WDBF at their meeting earlier in June. He reported that:

- the collection rate for the Common Mission Fund (CMF) continued to grow, 97.5% collected, and increase on the previous year's collection.
- clergy costs had been slightly higher than anticipated due to a lower number of vacancies, therefore pushing the bottom line into a slight deficit.
- Property and investments had grown and supported the budget.
- But there remained a strong need to invest in growth, hence the SDF bid.
- Looking at the income of parishes in 2015, their overall income had increased by 3%, leading to a surplus of £1.2m, but the number of planned givers continued to decline.
- An increase in income from a smaller number of givers would not be sustainable for much longer, and could lead to problems both at parish and diocesan level in the long term.

Presidential Address

The Bishop of Winchester's Presidential Address is available on the diocesan website:

<http://www.winchester.anglican.org/resources/diocesan-synod-committees/>

The Dean of Winchester said grace, and members enjoyed supper, before closing the meeting with night prayer.

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- Acts of Synod March 2017