



# News from Diocesan Council

July 2016

## Synod - 27th & 28th May

The Report of the Second Session of the Sixteenth Triennial Synod held at Woodcroft College has been confirmed. As agreed by the Council, Synod minutes have now been circulated by email to Parishes and Pastoral Districts. Thanks was again expressed to the Venerable Dr Peter Carlsson for his able chairmanship of the Synod.

## Plans for the Future of the Diocese

Arising directly from the Progress meetings, the Diocesan Council will be engaging further with representatives of Parishes and Pastoral Districts regarding the development of plans for the future of the Diocese. More details will be provided separately.

## Safe Church Environment

One weekend of Safe Ministry seminars has been completed in Keith at the start of July. For those who hold, or intend to hold, a ministry position in the Diocese and still need to complete this training, the next weekend of seminars will be in August. It is important for Parishes and Pastoral Districts to ensure that people who need to are up to date with this training. Details and how to register are on the Diocesan website, or with Parish or Pastoral District Secretaries.

### Full Day Course for NEW participants

#### Registration from 9:00am

Saturday 20 August, St Margaret's Church Hall,  
McLaren Vale

### Three Hour Refresher Course for those who attended the Full Day Course 3 years ago

Sunday 21 August, St Margaret's Church Hall,  
McLaren Vale, at 2.00pm

## Seaford Ecumenical Mission

The Very Reverend Dirk van Dissel gave a verbal report to Diocesan Council regarding the Seaford Ecumenical Mission (SEM). As a Director on the Board since 2007, he was able to give a detailed history on how the SA Government and five denominations in the Seaford area joined together for this visionary project, and an update on the current circumstances of the complex. 2016 marks the 20th Anniversary for SEM and this milestone will be celebrated in August by a special celebration service and luncheon.

## Motions of Thanks from Synod

A motion was passed by members of Synod to express profound thanks to the following clergy for their pastoral care and contribution to the life of the Diocese of The Murray. The Reverend Canon Alex Bainton and the Reverend Robert Hupfeld who have retired, and the Reverend George Kirreh who accepted a position in the Diocese of Adelaide.

The Synod passed a motion that the Diocese express its thanks to the Archbishop of Adelaide, the Most Reverend Dr Jeffrey Driver, for his care and support of our Diocese during his Episcopate as Metropolitan of the Province and wishes him well in retirement.

A motion was also passed that gratitude be expressed to Dr Ken Pidgeon as he shortly retires from the Leigh Trust after eighteen years as the nominee for the Diocese of The Murray.

## Diocesan Communications and Website

It was reiterated that the comprehensive report provided to Synod on all forms of Diocesan Communications was well received.

In light of Council's engagement of Great Southland Design, it was indicated that work on a new and refreshed Diocesan website can now be progressed.

## Observers from The Murray

The Reverend Daniel and Mrs Jasmine Irvine travelled to Minlaton in May to represent The Murray as observers at the Synod for the Diocese of Willochra. Their report was circulated to the Council prior to the July meeting.

The Reverend David Patterson and Mrs Anna Stanley will be observers to the Synod for the Diocese of Adelaide in October.

## Home Mission Fund

One grant has recently been approved from this Fund to assist with the purchase of computer software.

The month of September will be dedicated to raising funds for the Home Mission Fund. Appeal posters and envelopes will be distributed for each centre.

## 2016 Synod Dates

5 November, Special Call, Woodcroft College

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