



News from Diocesan Council

July 2019

Administrator's Report

Bishop Lindsay shared with the Council that since his time in the Diocese he has come across lots of wonderful people who are seeking to love and serve the Lord in the Diocese of The Murray for which he gave thanks, and that the night before the meeting he was at St Christopher's Mount Compass for their first confirmation in over twenty years confirming five adult candidates and baptising one, such wonderful news of a lovely godly celebration full of joy. Bishop Lindsay felt that the Diocesan Synod was a good Synod and that it fairly and appropriately went through due process and he shared his gratefulness for all those who contributed. Bishop Lindsay further indicated that on the 17th August he will cease being the Administrator for the Diocese and that the Dean, Fr David Price, will become the Administrator until such time as the next Bishop is in situ.

Bishop-elect Keith Dalby

The Administrator indicated that invitations for both the Consecration and Installation of Bishop-elect Keith Dalby have been finalised and dispatched. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the Consecration at St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide and the Installation has been organised to fit the size of St John's Cathedral, Murray Bridge. Regional welcomes are being planned around the Diocese to provide more opportunity for people to meet with the new Bishop.

Thanks to the Administrator

The Dean, extended heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Council to Bishop Lindsay for his ministry and leadership amongst us. He was also assured of prayers for his continuing ministry in Melbourne and the hope that we will still come together, from time to time, in more relaxed circumstances.

Working With Children Card

In response to recommendations from two Royal Commissions, the South Australian Government has introduced a host of changes around who can work with children and the Diocese is in the process of registering with the Department of Human Services SA. In brief, a Working with Children Check must be carried out for all those in Parishes and Pastoral Districts who work with or make decisions involving children in their worshipping communities. This will affect, **all** clergy, lay people who 'work with children', people responsible for making decisions about a parish's activities (**all** wardens and **all** members of Parish and Pastoral District Councils). Further details around the implications of this new law were previously circulated around the Diocese on 7th June 2019.

Safe Church Environment

Fr David Patterson advised that the 2019 courses have been set and distributed by email on 3rd July and are advertised on the Diocesan website. He also advised that there will be the possibility of fulfilling the course online through SMR which is where our trainer Linda Vinall contracts, however there will be a cost to be funded by the participant. Further details will be circulated at the appropriate time.

National Redress Scheme

The Registrar advised the Council that this matter is receiving high attention and that the General Synod's media release on the scheme noted that the Diocese expects to join the scheme in the final quarter of 2019.

Property Report

Jeff McHugh provided an update to Council which included the successful settlement of St John's Mundulla and a conditional contract on one other property. A development proposal has been presented to a congregation with an offer to purchase the church property. The Christies Beach proposed development will continue being investigated when the new Bishop can be involved.

Project Applications Above \$5,000

Council approved the renovations of the Yankalilla Rectory which, when complete, will become the residence for the Western Fleurieu Assistant Curate and a minor alteration of the Renmark Hall to enclose most of the small rear verandah to make it weather tight and limit the view in from the path with costs being met by the current hall hirer.

Registry Relocation

Council was advised that Michael Galea is progressing these renovations and that the final trades are nearly finished within the property and as yet the diocese has not given its one months' notice to vacate the existing office. Bishop Lindsay shared some thoughts around timing of the move in relation to the arrival of the new bishop and the leave arrangements in place for the Registrar. Council agreed to wait until the Registrar returns from leave to allow for the transition.

Synod Minutes

Council moved that the Report of the Second Session of the Seventeenth Triennial Synod held at Woodcroft College on Saturday 25th May 2019 be confirmed. These have been circulated to all Synod Members.

50th Anniversary Celebrations 2020

Ruth Daws updated the Council that she has started collecting the names of people from around the Diocese who will be willing to come together for a brainstorming session to begin with and hopefully she will have more information for sharing at the next meeting. She anticipated that the next step will be to communicate with all Parish/Pastoral District secretaries.

Synod Observers

The following have kindly agreed to represent the Diocese of The Murray at the following Synods;
The Reverend David Patterson and Mrs Joan Small - Diocese of Adelaide, 18-20 October
The Reverend Daniel and Mrs Jasamine Irvine - Diocese of Willochra, 26-27 October, Jamestown

Website

www.murray.anglican.org

Register of Parishes and Pastoral Districts

Diocesan Council, in light of due process being followed, confirmed that the Register of Parishes and Pastoral Districts as circulated be adopted as the current Register. This is available on the Diocesan Website.

Good news Stories - Taking Mission to the People

- That we have a new bishop!
- South Coast: Confirmation service at Mount Compass as earlier reported
- Western Fleurieu: Mission Action Interim Review format provided previously by Fr Damian Feeney is being trialled
- Murraylands: Self-supporting ministry fostering growth at the Meningie and Taillem Bend centres

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