

**Paper 3; Synod 2<sup>nd</sup> April 22**

Road Map for 2022

There are a variety of significant and important tasks which lie ahead of us in 2022. Some are annual tasks as part of the usual governance cycle, but others are one off/periodic. Those which form part of our usual governance cycle are more significant at this moment due to the circumstances of the diocese both missionally and financially. Those that are periodic or one off are also significant as they present us with a valuable opportunity to shape our shared life as the Diocese of Portsmouth.

The main governance tasks for this year can be summarised as follows: -

1. 2021 audit leading onto the presentation of the Annual Report
2. Budget 2023 and financial plan
3. Parish Share review

All those governance tasks and projects are key communication points in the life of the diocese and so are to be placed in the context of our vision under *Live/Pray/Serve*. Bishop Jonathan was installed on 12<sup>th</sup> March and meets us where we are on our *Live/Pray/Serve* journey. He will work with us to develop our vision and the resulting priorities under that vision. Those priorities will shape how we work together locally to resource ministry in our parishes, schools, and communities as well as shaping how the central support functions are structured and resourced for the next phase in the life of the diocese.

On reflection with Bishop Jonathan, the Parish Share review is an important opportunity to consider our shared life and how we mutually support each other financially. Consequently, these conversations need to be properly and carefully framed. The consultations on any changes to the Parish Share system therefore need to be considered in the light of the developed vision under *Live/Pray/Serve* which will require an adjustment to the timetable.

Looking ahead to the tasks to be undertaken, these can be summarised in broad terms as:-

Dates	Tasks
W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> March	2021 Audit commences
2 April 22	Synod to consider the overall roadmap for 2022
18 <sup>th</sup> July 22	Bishop’s Council considers budget assumptions and budget modelling
25 <sup>th</sup> June 22	Diocesan Synod :- 2021 Annual Report & Accounts
September 22	Deanery Events about finance in context of vision & priorities
19 <sup>th</sup> October 22	Bishop’s Council considers feedback from September events.
5 <sup>th</sup> November 22	Diocesan Synod :-

	2023 Budget and financial plans in the context of Live   Pray   Serve vision and priorities
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For the parish share review, it is felt that this should not proceed out to consultation until beginning of 2023. In many ways, the parish share system to the diocesan equivalent of a stewardship programme in parish. In that context such a focus on giving would follow an articulation of the vision for the relevant period. It therefore is prudent for us to follow the same model for parish share and therefore allow the September deanery events to take place addressing vision, priorities and associated finance without reference to the parish share system. The preparation for the parish share review will continue during 2022. The impact of waiting for 2023 before going out to consultation is that the review group will need to address the approach for 2023 share allocation as the challenge of the lack of reliable attendance data for the pandemic period remains.

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