

Diocesan Synod - Thursday 24th October

1. Discussion about the future role of the Chancellor. The next chancellor is to be Gavin MacEwan who is a specialist in Charity Law.
2. Synod, the Bishop noted that it was taking place during conflict not just internationally such as in Gaza but also within the church involving the Bishoprics of Orkney and Aberdeen.
3. Financial planning was discussed including the availability of various grants.
4. Agendas for various Area Councils.
5. Ian Lawson spoke about the finances including the UTP for 2024 and 2025. It showed a deficit of £34K with expenditure up by 1.5%.
6. Changes in the rules relating to pension contributions which will reduce staff costs. Inflation remains on average at 3%. But the Diocese is hoping to return to break-even budgeting partly due to reduced pension contributions.
7. Funds will be made available for charges unable to afford the increase in contributions.

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