



## Committee – Diocesan Synod

### Diocesan Synod 12 October 2024

#### Output from some of the discursive session

##### Item 4: Shared expectations and networking opportunity

Members discussed the questions below and the Slido output from question 2 is included. Bishop Stephen is working his way through the questions that were asked in point 3 and this will be shared in due course.

1. What three things can we do and commit to as deanery synod reps to be effective in our role?
2. Which topics would you/ your deanery would like to discuss at future synod meetings?
3. What questions do you have for the President or others about expectations or running of this synod?

##### Which topics would you/ your deanery would like to discuss at future synod meetings? (Using Key Words)

Wordcloud Poll  59 responses  25 participants




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##### Item 7: Making Jesus Known Vision and Strategy

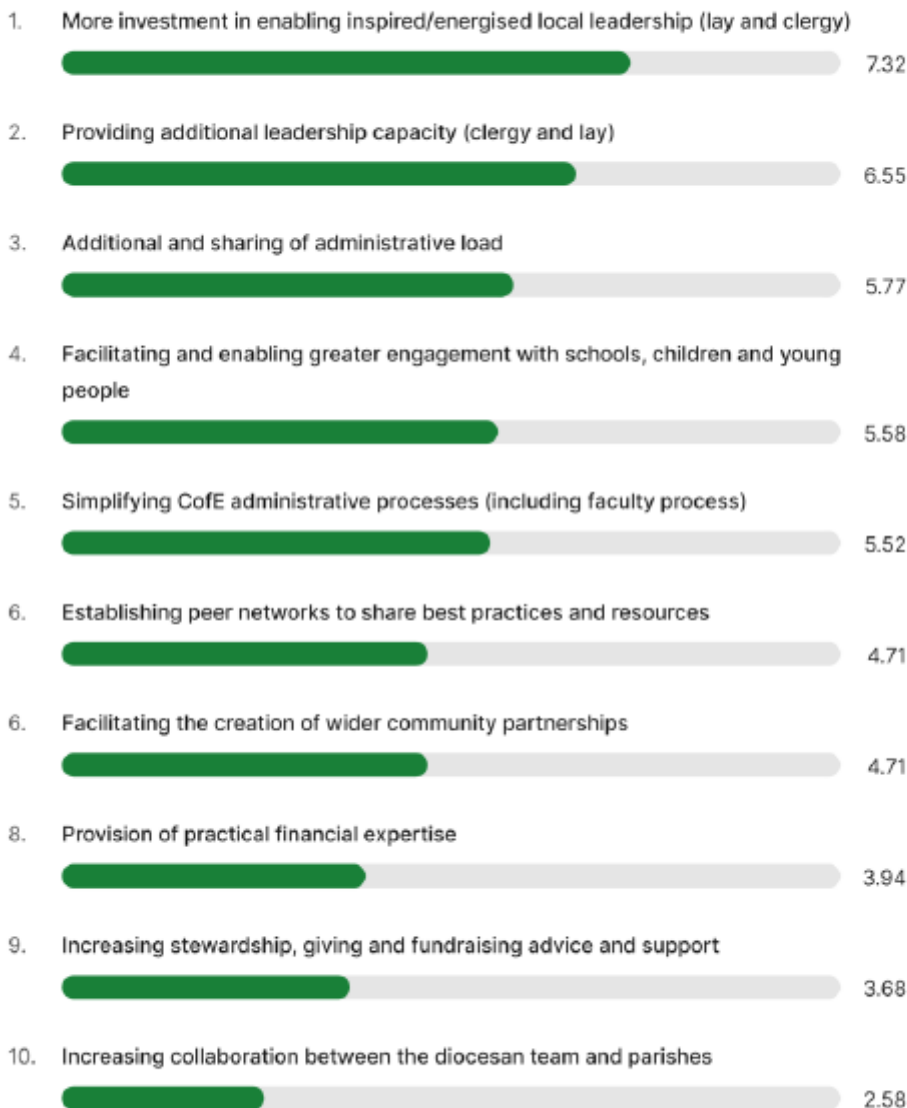
Members were asked to discuss two questions of which the first question Bishop Karen invited members to discuss with each other, whereas question two was asked in two parts: a) ranking list of support services (see Slido output) and b) an opportunity to identify what was missing from the list of services they were asked to rank (see Slido output).

1. How can we invite more people to participate in responding to the vision and applying it in their context?

2. In the upcoming bid for national church funding, what support do we need to revitalize parishes for mission?

 What needs to change to see thriving parishes that are revitalised for mission? (Rank in ascending order, with 1 being the most impactful change)

Ranking Poll  31 votes  31 participants



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**What is missing from the previous list that we should pay attention to and will help to revitalise our parishes for mission?**

- Investing in growing confidence in those who part of congregations Creating more safe spaces for genuine faith exploration outside “church”
- Mixed ecology church
- Law changed so that country churches can offer weddings to anyone and raise money towards their own mission
- Lego clubs!!!
- Understanding our culture better, & growing in capacity to engage with it
- Gap year ministry experience

- Plain and simple language. We alienate those that could know Jesus by talking about benefices deanery's dioceses
- Stop working in silos and find ways to collaborate
- Lessons in apologetics
- Ministry of presence
- Greater community use of the church buildings that help people to cross the threshold
- Investment in music and creative arts and those who can enable connection, experience of the joy, depth, fruitfulness of encounter and faith exploration.
- Acknowledgement of diverse ways of making Jesus known and worship
- We put a lot of focus into schools but children go off to university and are lost to the church. We need to find ways of drawing in people who are in their twenties and who have families. We need to offer a form of worship that is attractive to them and that draws them in.
- Doing things really well!
- intentional evangelism
- Confidence in encouraging others with our own relationship with Jesus
- Discipleship – equipping whole life disciples, confident in Making Jesus Known • Courageous conversations about social inequality in UK
- Retreats
- Reform Common Tenure
- Pray for each other
- [Elephant in room alert] Confidence in Salisbury's vocations discernment and ministry training processes from evangelical parishes
- More visibility of the very senior clergy coming to the small parish. Parishioners love it and it does bring the " church to the people"
- Ecumenical sharing
- Door to door canvassing
- A serious look at our buildings
- Growing deeper (discipleship)
- Culture of saying I don't know. I need help.
- Keep doing what you are doing regularly updates enthusiasm thanks for the collect tin things like that
- Renewal of the common life of prayer
- Discipleship
- Find out what local parish wants
- Marketing – more from diocesan and national church.
- Prayer and a growing faith. Spiritual renewal.
- Poor management of ineffective clergy or lay people.
- Pray, pray, pray
- Lay education eg Learning for discipleship run locally, Retreats, Quiet days,
- Clear and inclusive spaces for expression.
- Bringing the 25–45 year old abandoned generations to Jesus.
- Christians filled with the Spirit is needed more than churches filled with Christians
- Building trust
- What about discipleship? Surely that is our great commission?
- Ideas to inspire prayer
- Spiritual and prayerful people
- Investing in those exploring a calling to ministry
- Holy spirit

- Jesus
- Enthusiasm
- Easier safeguarding procedures