**Deanery Report – July 2019 PCC Meeting.**

New PCC members may not be aware that the apportionment and collection of the Ministry and Mission Fund has been passed to Deaneries, and each Deanery will eventually be responsible for raising the cost of their clergy and other ministry. This will involve in our Deanery major changes in congregational giving or possibly clergy numbers.

The deanery has for convenience been divided into four groups, Roseland, Probus (Grampound to St Erme) , Truro ( including Kea) The Remainder (inc Feock ,Devoran and Isles of Scilly

The Roseland Group ,being geographically ideal and having had a full time vacancy for almost 12 months, was the obvious place to start. It initially looked as if clergy cover would need to be reduced cover ministry costs , however following much constructive discussion between leaders and treasurers of almost all the churches, they pledged to raise sufficient funds over the next five years to maintain clergy numbers at the present level.

Perhaps equally significant was an unanimous agreement to apply for a Bishop’s Mission Order for the Roseland (inc Tregony) which effectively ignores parish boundaries and means that clergy can be employed more effectively, for example in administering the Sacrament as and where required.

The Synod unanimously agreed and supported this plan.

The Synod further agreed after discussion to follow the same process in the Truro and Probus groups as had been successful in the Roseland

The Truro Group has a vacancy in the joint benefice of St John and St George, formerly occupied by Fr Chris Epps

Robert Perry, a Deanery representative on the Diocesan Synod, reported that there had been another substantial deficit in the diocese accounts for the year ending 31 December 2018. Truro Diocese is clearly the bottom of the league in regards in to parish contributions in relation to Ministry costs.

It was announced the Ven. Paul Bryer had been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Cornwall.

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