



Change for the Better

The Church House Support Teams are changing their structure to make sure they can be of more support to the parishes they serve.

Diocesan Secretary David Pain explains how staff in Church House are seeking to become more outward facing and efficient, to provide an excellent service to you in your local context:

"In March the Diocesan Board of Finance teams are changing to a new structure; each of the four new teams will be working to improve the service they provide to the parishes. This follows a formal consultation with staff which took place in November and December last year.

"The Parish Support team led by Elizabeth Harvey [see story on Elizabeth's appointment] will be the first point of contact for parishes. This team will be forward looking and responsive to the changing needs of the local church. They will be leading the delivery of simpler governance and, as we develop our IT, enabling access to better information and services online. They will be well placed to help churches undertake change in governance and boundaries where this is needed and enable churches to develop the missional role of buildings in compliance with best practice of the DAC.

"The Mission, Ministry and Communications team will be seeking to support the local church in mission and ministry with a focus on discipleship and evangelism, leadership (lay and ordained) and community transformation. Through our communications in Grapevine, Working Together and social media we will continue to communicate, inspire, and engage with people inside and beyond the church in mission and ministry: telling the story of Renewing Hope: Pray, Serve, Grow.

"The Finance, Fundraising and Asset Management team led by Liz Ashmead will be seeking to provide an excellent service to the local church and clergy in finance and property. Through our trading company SDBFBC we are now offering a surveying/ project management service to the local church, with profits to the diocese thus reducing the call on Parish Share.

"We will be growing new approaches. The People, Safeguarding and Learning team will help in all areas of learning and training for people serving as safeguarding officers, churchwardens, PCC members and in other roles. Above all they will be there to work with you to help make the church a safer place for all.

"Appointments are currently being finalised to the leadership of the remaining two teams, and more news will be share on those appointments soon.

"Together as the Church House team, we'd love to hear from you about the service you need, and how you think we are getting on. Please don't hesitate to contact me."

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