



## BISHOP'S COUNCIL

### Minutes of Bishop's Council Meeting

14 April 2011

**Hereford Diocese' Five Priorities:**

- Local Ministry
- Mission and Evangelism
- Stewardship
- Environment
- Communication

**The following business was conducted at this meeting:-**

**Communications:** The Council reviewed actions arising from the 1<sup>st</sup> Communications Report

**Communications:** The Council discussed and provided feedback on the initial draft of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Communication Report

**Diocesan Mission Action Plan** – One recommendation of the Draft 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage Communications Report states:-

*“The Diocese should evolve a strategy (a Mission Action Plan) setting out its concrete objectives and the broad means of attaining them.”*

Council agreed that this should be the core subject for the September Council residential.

**The Next “Focus”** – Council agreed that a “focus” on stewardship and finance should follow on from the spring 2011 focus on Mission. Consideration was also given to further rounds of “roadshows” in support of the mission aims of the Diocese.

**Quatford Resolution** – Council discussed a motion proposed by Quatford PCC and passed by Bridgnorth Deanery that:

*In cases of repairs to churches following theft and or vandalism, the Diocese be requested to pay all fees resulting from faculty charges.*

It was considered that such costs were claimable as part of any insurance claim arising from theft/vandalism and that this would be confirmed with EIG.

**July Diocesan Synod/DBF AGM** – Council was advised that the draft agendas were:-

- a. DBF AGM
  - i. Appointment of Auditors
  - ii. Trustee Report & Accounts for the year ending 31 Dec 10.
  - iii. Approval of Revised DBF Standing Orders
- b. Diocesan Synod
  - i. Presidential Address
  - ii. Women Bishop's debate and vote
  - iii. General Synod Report
  - iv. 2010 Accounts (this will have been discussed previously at the AGM of the DBF)
  - v. Draft 2012 Budget (this will be for approval in October)