

## Diocesan Synod, March 2013 – Feedback

Members of Diocesan Synod were asked to discuss the morning session in Indaba groups.

Feedback from Session 1

### **Helpful**

- Treasurer's report - commended for clarity and helpful visuals
- Charts were good and easy to understand
- Trustee liability
- Explanation of how quota is used
- Explanation of what the Diocese actually does
- Insurance liability advice
- Graveyards advice appreciated

Quotes: 'happy outgoing church – many will follow' 'mission is discipleship' (doesn't sound too evangelical)

### **Could be changed**

It would be good if available help could be spelled out when we are told to do something (e.g. quinquennial)

Would like emphasised that all members of Synod (or their treasurers) should scrutinise accounts

What could we have heard more about?

- A fundraising strategy or template
- Minimising costs by bulk buying at Diocesan level ( e.g. of insurance)

Suggestion that the updated diocesan map be put up in church porches

Would like some focus on 'mission through art and music'

As a final and very supportive comment one member, newly arrived in the Diocese and at his first Synod, said that he had attended many Synods in other parts of the country but that this one had been quite remarkable. It was, he said, the most enjoyable he had ever attended, good natured, relaxed but very focussed on doing God's work. He was particularly impressed by the Bishop's declaration at the start that everyone had permission to speak and was expected to do so.