

Working Together To Evangelise Our Diocese

Dear Steward of the Gospel,

Yesterday I started work as Director of Development and wanted to make contact with you as soon as possible.

This Wednesday at the Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral each parish will present a summary of the work relating to the Questionnaire. That will be a symbolic moment on our pilgrimage through change to a new vision for our diocese.

Next week I will begin reading and analysing the full responses to the questionnaire and if it is not yet winging its way to Cathedral House can you speed it on its way to us please?

May I also take this opportunity to remind you about some of the early stages on our pilgrimage and invite you to put some dates in your parish diary if you have not already done so.

By 19th May I will have some preliminary observations to share with you arising from the work you have submitted from your parishes and I will provide you with feedback to discuss with your parish at a parish meeting at the end of May or early June. It would be helpful if you could set a date for such a meeting as soon as possible please.

On 24th June we will hold another meeting of Stewards and Clergy to discuss your parish responses to this early feedback, consider future action and hear about the good work that is already taking place in relation to our young people.

On 30th September there will be a further Stewards and Clergy day to consider the ideas that have arisen from the Draft Working Plan that I will be preparing for Bishop Alan. This will be an important checkpoint on our pilgrimage to assess the direction of travel and some of the principles that will be used in the preparation of the First Consultation Proposal that I hope will be published between Christ the King and First Sunday of Advent.

In January 2018 can you please arrange a parish meeting and or joint parish meetings to discuss the First Consultation Proposal.

On 24th February 2018 we will meet again as Stewards and Clergy to discuss the First Consultation Proposal and the feedback from parishes.

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