

### **Treasurer's Report for Synod, May 2013**

The accounts for the year April 2012 to end March 2013 show a surplus of £132. However, not all the charges for the Discipleship Adviser were paid in the year and it is expected that an underpayment of £556 will be charged in the rest of 2013, which would have resulted in a deficit in the year to end March 2013 of £424. The Rural Dean's expenses were under the budgeted amount, but the other receipts and payments were generally in line with budget. The main item in 'Miscellaneous' was the budgeted cost of attendance by the Rural Dean in a national conference on 'The Deaneries' Task in God's Mission' in October 2012.

The standing committee have decided to recommend that the accounting period be changed to end on December 31st (rather than March 31). This will be more in line with parish accounts. Changing this year will also enable the standing committee meeting in October to consider a full year's budget when more is known about the expenses of the new Area Dean and Assistant Area Dean / Discipleship Adviser.

It is expected that the expenditure for April to December 2013 will roughly follow last year's expenditure; possibly being slightly higher. The proposal is for parishes to be asked to contribute three quarters of last year's payment, i.e. £27 per member, for the period April – December 2013. If these proposals are accepted this payment will be sought immediately.

A new synod will be elected in 2014. The parochial roll figures at the 2013 APCMs will be used to determine the member entitlement for each parish, and so will also be used for the 2014 deanery budgeting and setting the annual charge per member. The budget and member charge will be on the October Synod agenda. The parish contributions will be sought early in 2014.

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