

Parish Support

Diocesan IT Programme Update

Director of Parish Support Elizabeth Harvey writes to diocesan staff:

Dear Colleagues,

It has been some time since we updated you on the IT Programme workstreams; there has been a lot of activity behind the scenes, some of which you may be aware of and some not.

Thank you for your contributions and the work that has been done on the different workstreams and systems; this IT Programme remains a significant undertaking and we can be proud of what we have achieved to date in the midst of the COVID pandemic and the DBF consultation process.



The CofE online recruitment tool **Pathways** went live in August. We received **good feedback from the Sherborne office** on how much easier it was to create and load the vacancy (and associated

paperwork) onto the site.



SaIDims/ CMS – the award for most diligent data-checking-and-clearing-up-of-SALDIMS goes to **Sally Ruffer and Jill Hockham!** Of the 23,972 names that were on the database, Sally and Jill have deleted duplicates, spotted errors, worked with the system developer to assign roles and create the new structure. The Channel Islands are now in the database. We are deeply grateful for carrying out this thankless task and recognise the importance of cleansing and updating the contact information. Sarah McNicol and the DBE team are busy working on the school roles - thank you. We look to go live with all clergy roles in SaIDims/ CMS (Contact Management System) in Q1 2021. To learn more about CMS, [click here](#).



Diocesan Website: In light of feedback received during the DBF 'Phase 2' consultation process, it has been decided to conduct a full audit and review of the current diocesan communications, both in terms of traditional forms and through digital platforms. It is expected that this review will be completed by Spring 2021 and therefore the website re-development work has paused. We are keen to have a new diocesan website, however the reputational and operational risk if we get this wrong is significant. The IT Board together with Jonathan Triffitt and Carole Peters-King are looking at practical ways to improve the existing website whilst we await the outcome from the Comms audit and review. We have engaged with DC2 ([click here](#)) and ChurchEdit to learn and explore how 18 dioceses/ cathedrals are working collaboratively to develop and maintain affordable websites suited to the unique demands of CofE organisations.



IT Training for diocesan staff

Jo Jones, IT Trainer and Coordinator has launched the **IT Learning Curve**, which includes ZOOM training videos, user guides and tech tips. Jo will deliver a training schedule to develop staff IT skills and confidence, ensuring we utilise and maximise the functionality and features of the new systems implemented and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the services we provide to our churches and schools.