

## From your Diocesan Support Teams

### **No Increases to Stipends or Salaries**

It has been the common practice at this time of year to agree increases to stipends and salaries which reflect national inflation increases.

However, the Bishop's Council discussed this at its meeting on March 26th and decided to postpone a decision regarding an increase to DBF salaries which would normally be implemented in July.

We will keep this decision under regular review, initially after 3 months.

Stipendiary clergy were also informed of the same decision regarding an increase which would normally be implemented in April. Again this will be kept under review.

We are all conscious of the substantial pressures on churches and communities at this time, and assure you that our focus is on ensuring sustainable finances for the ongoing mission and ministry of the church through and beyond this time of upheaval.