## Update on the independent audit of our Diocesan Board of Finance

The audit of the Diocesan Board of Finance for the year ended 31.12.2019 is proceeding smoothly, albeit by remote working, and reaching its conclusion.

In conjunction with other Dioceses, and because of the uncertainties at the present time, it has been agreed by Bishop's Council to delay the AGM and the sign-off of the accounts until September. The date for this is still to be confirmed.

This should enable our auditors, haysmacintyre, to deliver an unqualified audit opinion, as we are hoping by that time to have come through the worst of the present crisis caused by Coronavirus and they will then be able to confirm any points that cannot be done remotely.

Final agreement of the 2021 budget will be also delayed until September, allowing for maximum time to respond to current events.