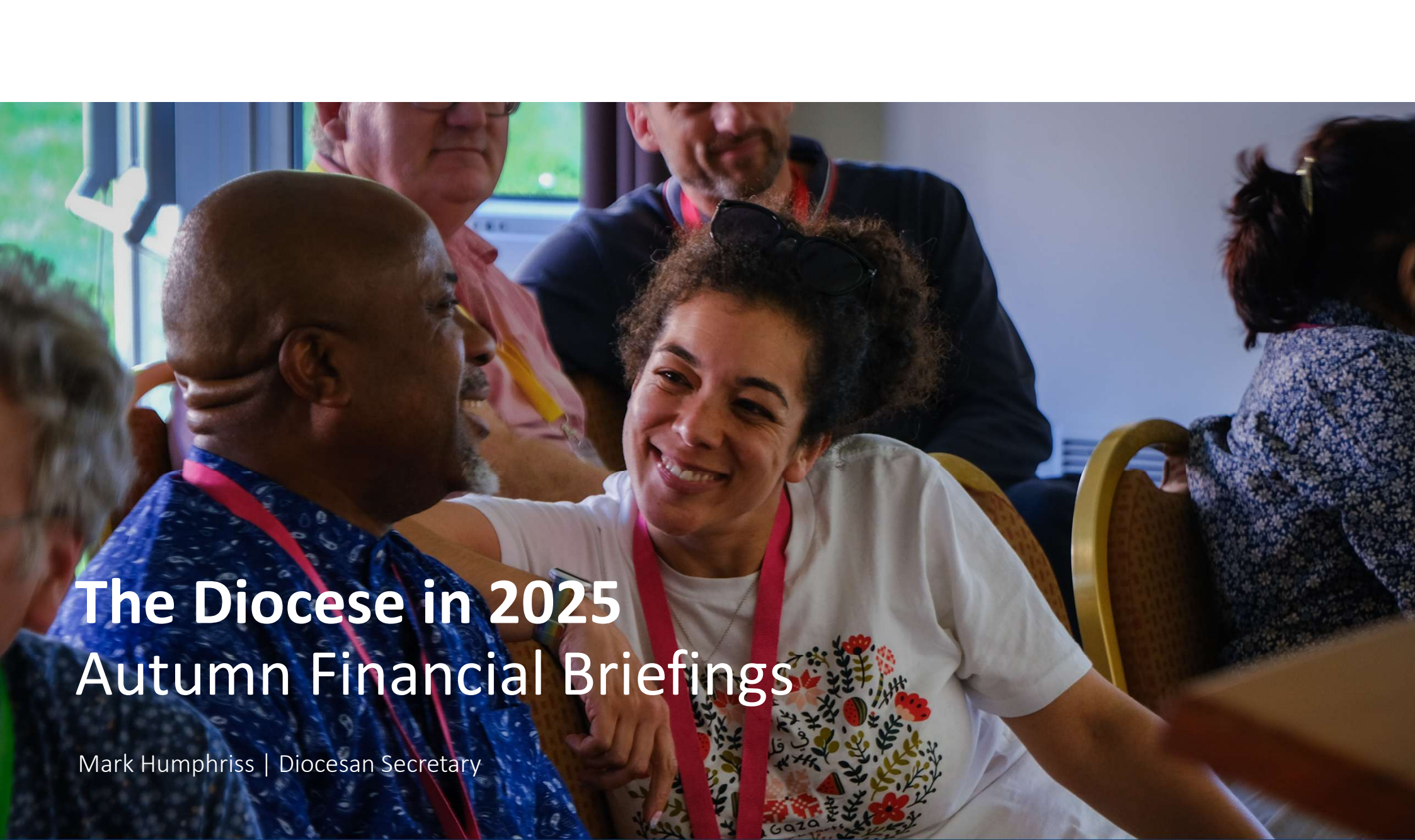




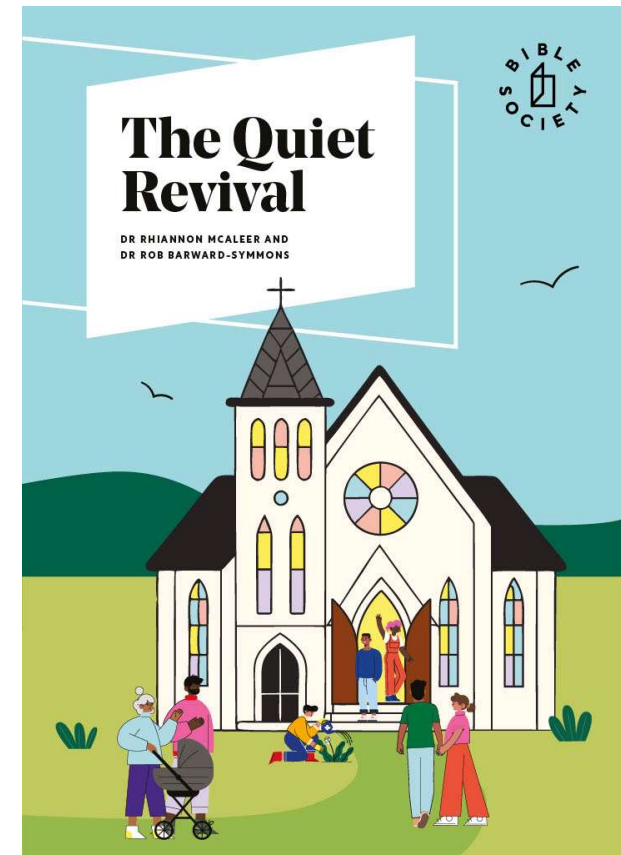
The Diocese in 2025 Autumn Financial Briefings

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Some encouragement from parishes

- Increase in Average Weekly Attendance of about 3% over last 12 months
- 15% increase in Easter attendances
- Lots of anecdotal evidence of *The Quiet Revival*
- Parish reserves holding up (on average)



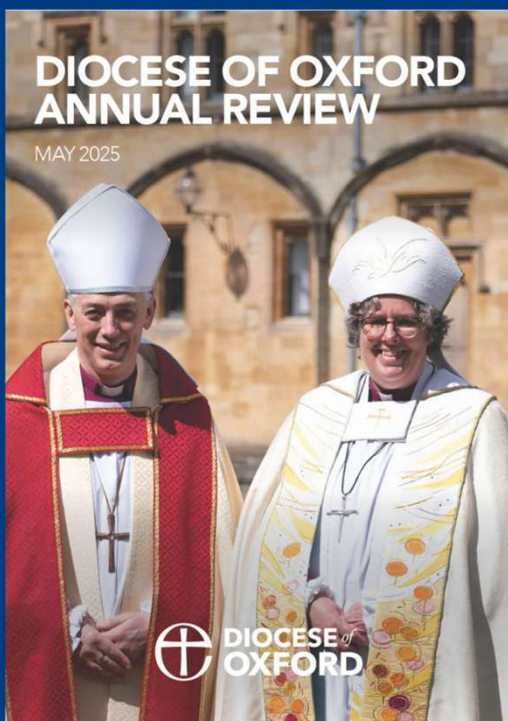
A year in perspective

- Very well-received Clergy Conference
- On track for 100 clergy houses with improved energy efficiency in 2 years, saving energy costs
- Church Buildings Overview welcomed by Diocesan Synod, and record levels of requests to the church buildings team for approval/advice
- Over 400 people using the Learning Hub
- Handled substantial temporary increase in workload post-Makin Review



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A year in perspective



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- Successful Summit with Kimberley and Kumuran link diocese
- Well-received LLF/PLF discussion at Diocesan Synod
- 2025 electoral roll figures received for 99% of parishes
- 20 new deacons ordained
- Strong periodic external review of our theological training
- Milton Keynes Strategy Group actively at work

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New bishops



New directors

- Director of Mission and Ministry
- Director of Secretariat

The Revd Andrew Blyth
Kim Grosvenor

Children and young people

- Deanery plans underway and many churches seeing growth in CYP
- Disappointment of national Church funding
- Head of Children and Youth ministry and new diocesan training/resources will be available
- Over £1m available now for CYP workers via Development Fund grants
- YouShape and Launchpad underway
- 70% of churches offering all-age worship or CYP activities



Development Fund



- Total awards 284 (£5.1m) since 2019
- 2025 to date: 39 awards (£715.5k)
 - Of which, children and youth projects: £405k

Recent highlights:

- Eight grants to support children and youth ministers
- St Mark's Meals, Milton Keynes: new premises to support increase in provision and growth of advocacy work
- Small grants to support start-up projects: village youth group, youth camp, feasibility studies, family breakfast club, parish-school events, all-age services, children and toddler groups

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