

## **Diocesan Consultation for 2030**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October a Deanery meeting was held at which Bishop Richard made a presentation outlining a consultation programme aimed at generating ideas and proposals that could help our diocese to address the predicted shortfall in numbers of priests in comparison to number of parishes by the year 2030. The Bishop gave some rough statistics that show that for the 85 parishes we currently have, by 2030 we will have 50 priests of which only 25 will be under the age of 65. We are therefore looking to see what ideas may be forthcoming and as a guide to our reflections, the Bishop has given us the following questions/statements to consider. Please feel free to add your views/comments below and return it to the Parish Office. We will then collate your responses and feedback to the Bishop at our meeting in January 2018. Copies are available on our website ([www.parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk](http://www.parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk)).

- 1) Given the Mission with which we have all been entrusted, what three things do we most need for Mission effectiveness (Our mission being that of evangelisation and bringing people to God)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What roles in this Mission can best be carried out by the Lay Faithful?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What roles in this Mission can best be carried out by the Priests/Deacons?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What factors have brought us to the present situation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) If we were starting the Diocese today with 25 Priests, where would you place them?