

Report of the Secretary General

Firstly, I want to thank my predecessor, Sara Edwardes, who moved away at the beginning of the year which gave rise to a casual vacancy. The Governing Body was therefore without a Secretary General until I accepted the role in March.

Despite there being no formal handover, Sara left behind a wealth of neatly filed information which has been of great help to me in my first few months in office. However, two Assistant Wardens were also appointed at the same time to support the Secretary General; Nigel Bacon and Marion Hewis between them have a wealth of experience and expertise within the Diocese which is already proving invaluable. [This means that our Executive Standing Committee has representation from all three Archdeaconries.]

I also wish to express my grateful thanks to the Warden, Chair of Readers and of course Linda Wass for their support and their hard work which has ensured that everything has run smoothly during the interim and while I am still getting to grips with the complexities of the role.

It is only really now, as Secretary General, that I can appreciate how important and valued the ministry of Readers is within our Diocese. The numerous and diverse ways that you meet God's call within the communities in which you serve is awe inspiring.