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To: All PCC Secretaries, DCC Secretaries and Acting PCC Secretaries

Dear Friends, fellow secretaries of the diocese!

Happy New Year and warm greetings for 2024, I hope that this finds you well.

Thank you all so much for your hard work serving the church in 2023. I know that the secretary role is not always the most celebrated, we don't get the fancy gold-tipped sticks that they give to churchwardens and the secretary may not have the same power to open people's pockets as the treasurer, but as PCC secretaries and acting PCC secretaries it is your work that allows the leadership and governance of the church to continue. Season by season, often un-noticed, but vital for the smooth and proper running of our common life - thank you.

I know that you look forward (!) to Lesley's bumper package of information and updates to help you manage the APCM season, hopefully you will find what is attached to be useful and timely.

If there are other things that you need or that would help, or if having things in a different format would be useful, please let us know, feedback gratefully received. No question is too silly or foolish unless we don't ask it when we should have, so do please reach out to Lesley Fusher with any queries or suggestions.

This year, 2024, will have the added interest of Diocesan Synod elections, so it is more important than ever that you and your fellow parishioners make sure that your deanery synod members are the right people; members of deanery synod elect the diocesan synod members. Deanery Synod secretaries will have more information shortly.

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