



## Colin Bird

### New Chair of St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance

Congratulations to Colin on being elected Chair of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance. Below is the full Press Release:

St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) has elected Colin Bird as Chair, following the retirement of Canon David Nye after ten years' service. The DBF, with the Bishop's Council, forms the trustee body of the Diocese of St Albans.

Speaking about his election, Colin said:

*"I feel privileged to be able to serve as Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, where I have served on Committees for 6 years. We have significant funding challenges to meet in order to fulfil our aspirations, which the DBF will work hard on over the coming year. As a Parish Treasurer for over 30 years I am acutely aware of the pressures parishes are under"*

Colin, 69, is a Chartered Accountant. He has served as a board member/trustee of the DBF for the past 6 years during which he has worked on the General, Glebe, Assets, Audit and Budget Scrutiny Committees.

Colin was, until very recently Vice Chairman, Immediate Past Chairman, Chair of the Grants Committee and previous Chair of the Audit Committee of Marshall's Charity, a long-established Christian charity based in Southwark.

He is also Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Hockerill Educational Foundation (which supports teacher training) and a trustee of the Mara Rianda Trust (which supports education in Kenya).

Colin has been Treasurer of All Saints Church, Hertford for 32 years and is also Treasurer of Hertford & District Foodbank as well as a number of other not for profit organisations including Churches Together in Hertfordshire and Hertford & District Churches Together.

He is Secretary of Shared Churches (Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire) Limited, which owns four churches under agreements with 5 denominations. Recently he has been appointed trustee of the Overseas Bishops' Fund of the Church of England.

Colin qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1972. For 33 years Colin specialised in the restructuring of businesses in the property, insurance and banking sectors at Price Waterhouse and PwC, London where he was senior UK insolvency partner and became Global Head of Financial Services and Head of Risk Management in the Corporate Finance & Recovery division.

He was elected to both firms' Global, European and UK Supervisory Boards and was appointed as President of the Association of Business Recovery Professionals, President of the Insolvency Practitioners Association – a Recognised Professional Body regulating insolvency professionals – and was appointed to various UK government sponsored review groups, having headed the Technical Committees of both professional bodies for many years.

For the last 17 years Colin has been Chief Executive, and latterly non-executive Chairman of a private equity funded investment company specialising in the general insurance sector.

Colin has been married to Janet, a Reader in the Diocese, for 47 years and has two children and two grandchildren.