

# **Pensions Board updates**

## **To the Retired Clergy Association**

**1 October 2024**

# Housing Updates

## **Demand**

- Continuing to support retirees with Church housing
- Including assisting clergy in securing an alternative to rental to meet their retirement plan (e.g. buying for retirement).
- Continuing to encourage earlier planning:
  - 15 pre-retirement courses attended, with more in the pipeline
  - Letter written to all clergy c.5 years to go to retirement

## **Resident satisfaction**

- Pilot survey undertaken in Winter 2023/4
- 81% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the service they receive
- Further full survey due to go out in October – combined with Pensions

## **Maintenance contract**

- Current contract with Sanctuary due to end 31 March 2025
- Resident panel engaged on requirements for new arrangements
- Procurement process underway for new partner(s)
- New arrangements to be shared with residents early in the New Year
- Until then customers asked to continue to report all repairs to Sanctuary as normal

# Housing Updates

## Community Living

- Currently few vacancies: waiting lists open
- Open days held across the Summer
- Major works underway at Capel Court to replace heating system
- Rolling investment programme e.g. investing in refresh of kitchens at Stuart Court

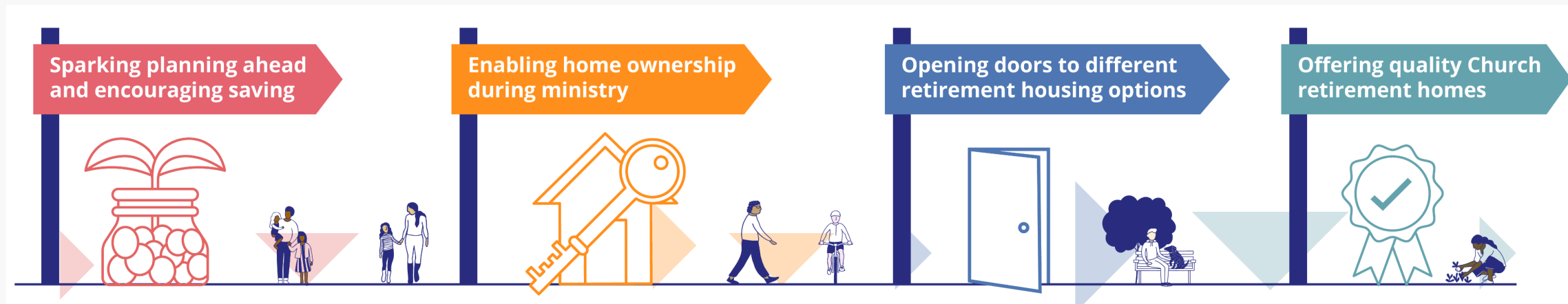
## Resident Panel

- Continues to go from strength to strength
- In person meeting held in July
- Recent topics of discussion include:
  - Funding for Church retirement housing
  - Future maintenance contracts
  - Supporting moves in retirement
  - The updated housing bulletin



Manormead open afternoon  
10 July 2024

# Enabling choice



**850** responses on ideas

**1380+** responses to retirement survey

- Responses will help inform upcoming national Church funding discussions
- Discussions start Autumn 2024
- Our aim – to secure sufficient funding towards Church retirement housing and new choices

# Pensions update

## PensionsOnline

- More than 13,500 clergy registrations of which almost 7,700 are pensioners
- More than 5,000 updates to nomination forms
- More than 6,000 clergy retirement illustrations run
- Adding new functionality

## Responsible Investment

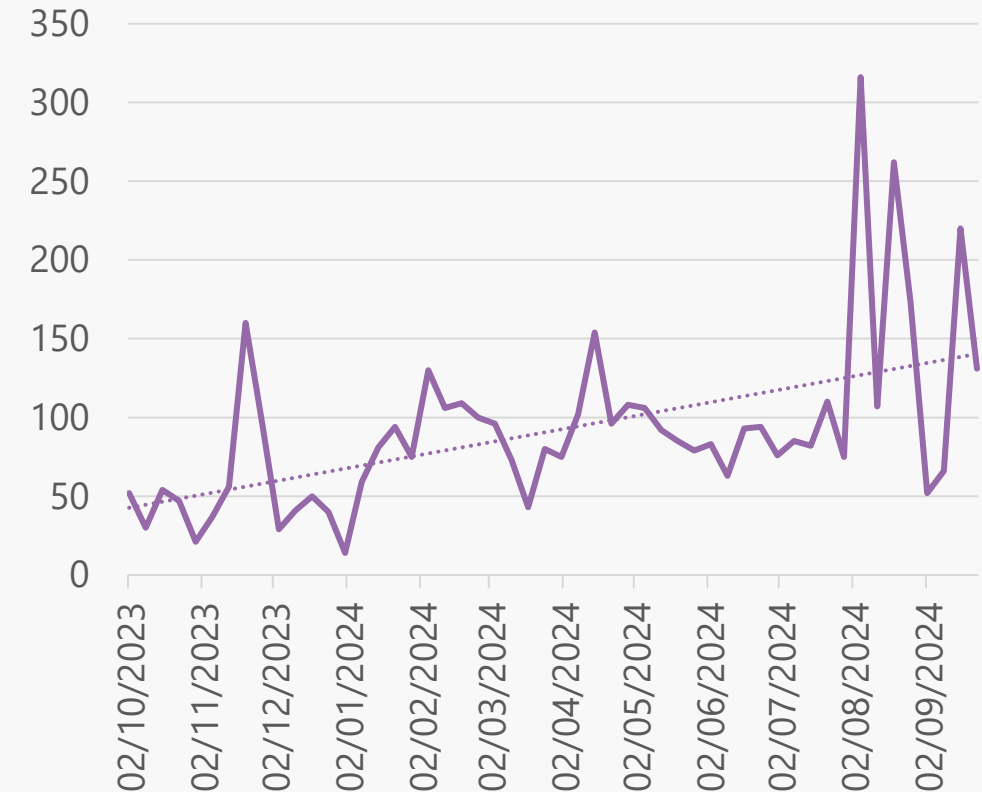
### *Recent milestones*

- Retained signatory of UK Stewardship Code
- Launched Fair Reward Framework
- Institutional Investor Award on 'Engagement and Stewardship' for our [Climate Action Plan](#)

## Synod motion

- Work underway (see [GS Misc 1391](#)) ahead of triennium funding discussions

Retirement Illustrations run using PensionsOnline



# Retirement Officers' Network

Zoom meeting planned for  
**Thursday 24 October**

**10am - 12pm**

Agenda likely to include:

- **Pensions & Housing** general updates
- Deep dive into **Community Living**
- **Retirement Officers' Job descriptions** – update from Julian Hubbard
- **Navigating** GDPR including getting to:
  - An up-to-date national list of officers
  - Officers based in diocesan systems
  - Data sharing agreements, privacy notices etc.

Further in person session  
**Spring 2025**

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