



**THE**  
**DIocese**  
**OF**  
**BLACKBURN**  
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

**The Bishop of Blackburn**  
*The Rt Revd Julian T Henderson*

To All Clergy, PTO, Curates & Wardens of Vacant Parishes

19 June 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Our previous communication informed you that the decision of the DBF Standing Committee to waive the DBF fee for funerals might cease on 4 July. We now confirm that the Standing Committee has agreed to cease this temporary arrangement and are willing for this to be communicated with funeral directors and bereaved families.

We have received a good number of positive comments on the blessing this generous move has brought to the way the local church and the Diocese is perceived. May it be a seed sown that furthers the work of the Kingdom.

As ever