



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 15 June 2024

Via Zoom

President: The Lord Bishop of St Albans

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be held via Zoom on Saturday, 15 June 2024. The meeting link will be sent out directly to members of Synod on the Monday prior to the meeting.

The Session will commence at 0930 and is expected to finish not later than 1230.

Please have available this Agenda and supporting papers during the meeting.

Members will be requested to sign in via the chat window when joining the meeting. Anyone wishing to attend who is not a member must contact Ruth Carl (on rcarl@stalbans.anglican.org or 01727 818131) in advance in order to receive the meeting link.

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0930

AGENDA

1. PRAYERS

To be led by the Revd Kaushal David and Kerry Smith (Reader),
Dunstable Deanery.

2. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

3. To confirm the MINUTES of the last meeting held on 9 March 2024 (enclosed).

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS

5. PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 43

Mr David White, Diocesan Secretary will proclaim the Amending Canon
No. 43 (miscellaneous provisions), as an Act of Synod. Paper
(DS/24/03) is enclosed.

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6. ANNUAL REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, 2023

With the Chair's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mr David White,
Diocesan Secretary, will introduce the Annual Reports for 2023; there
will be an opportunity for members to ask questions.

The following Motion will then be moved from the Chair: *"That the
Annual Reports of the Boards and Committees of the Diocese for 2023
be now received"*. Paper **(DS/24/04)** is enclosed.

7. DBF ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

With the Chair's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Dr Tim Coulson, Chair of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, will introduce the Report and refer to the circulated filmed presentation **(DS/24/05)**. There will be an opportunity for questions.

Dr Tim Coulson will then move, on behalf of the Board: *"That the Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2023 be now received"*. Paper **(DS/24/06)** enclosed.

N.B. Printed copies of this document are available upon request to the Diocesan Office (please contact Ruth Carl: rcarl@stalbens.anglican.org). The full accounts were approved by the Diocesan Board of Finance on Monday 20 May 2024.

8. DIOCESAN SUPPORT FOR THE PROMOTION OF GIVING IN PARISHES

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Archdeacon of Bedford and, with the Chair's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Diocesan Giving Advisor will give a presentation. There will be an opportunity for questions.

9. CLERGY WELLBEING – STIPENDS, PENSIONS, HOUSING AND RETIREMENT HOUSING

On behalf of the Bishop's Council The Revd Canon Will Gibbs and, with the Chair's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Diocesan Secretary will give a presentation.

There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

1100 – 1120 (approx.) COFFEE BREAK

10. GROWING YOUNGER AND MORE DIVERSE

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford and, with the Chair's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Strategic Programme Manager will give a verbal update.

There will be an opportunity for questions.

11. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 17 May, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice. No questions have been received.

12. GOVERNANCE REVIEW

With the Chair's permission under Standing Order No. 4 the Diocesan Secretary will present the report from the Governance Review Working Party. A paper **(DS/24/07)** is enclosed.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The following Motion will then be moved from the Chair: *"That this Synod approves the formation of a Nominations Committee with a constitution as noted in paper DS/24/07".*

13. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

With the Chair's permission under Standing Order No. 4 the Diocesan Secretary will give an update. A paper **(DS/24/08)** is enclosed.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The following Resolution will then be moved from the Chair : *"That this Synod approves the amendments to their standing orders, as noted in paper DX/24/08, to take effect from the start of the new triennium on 1 August 2024".*

14. CHAPLAINCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Archdeacon of St Albans will introduce this item.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Synod should finish no later than 1230.

Dates for future Synods

Saturday 12 October 2024
(Putteridge Bury)

Saturday 8 March 2025
(Putteridge Bury)

Saturday 14 June 2025
(remotely via Teams)

Saturday 11 October 2025
(Putteridge Bury)