

TO : All members of Diocesan Synod

[Copies to Rural Deans, Lay Chairmen and Secretaries of Deanery Synods who are not members of the Diocesan Synod.]

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

DIOCESAN SYNOD: Saturday 15 June 2024 – 0930 – To be held online via Zoom

I write formally, in accordance with the Diocesan Synod's Standing Order 17, to give preliminary notice of the business likely to be transacted at the next meeting of the Diocesan Synod, which is due to be held on Saturday 15 June 2024.

Please note that Synod will commence at 0930 and it is envisaged that it will end no later than 1300.

Items of business are likely to include the following:-

Prayers to be led by Dunstable Deanery

Presidential Address

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2024 and Matters Arising

Announcements and business items

Annual Reports from Committees, 2023 (for information and circulated in advance)

DBF Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements, 2023

Clergy Wellbeing: Stipends, Pensions, Housing and Retirement Housing

Growing Younger and More Diverse – an update

Questions

*Governance Review: (i) Nominations Committee
(ii) Amendments to Standing Orders*

Chaplaincies within the Diocese

Under Standing Order 21, any items of new business must be submitted not less than 35 days in advance of the session – i.e. **Friday 10 May 2024**, but the Standing Committee can give no guarantee that such items can be included on the agenda for this session. Questions for answer at this session must be submitted not later than 28 days in advance of the session – i.e. **Friday 17 May 2024** – unless a special dispensation has been given to accept later notice. Members submitting questions are particularly asked to make it clear to whom they are addressed.

The agenda and supporting papers for Synod will be issued on **Friday 24 May 2024**.

D White
Diocesan Secretary
3 May 2024