



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 12 March 2022

All Saints Academy
Dunstable

President: The Lord Bishop of St Albans

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be held at All Saints Academy, Houghton Road, Dunstable LU5 5AB on Saturday, 12 March 2022. There is parking within the grounds, but members are encouraged to share cars where possible. **In order to reduce the use of disposable cups, you might also like to bring your own cup for refreshments.**

The Session will commence at 0930, and is expected to finish not later than 1300.

Please bring with you this Agenda and supporting papers.

Members will be requested to sign an attendance sheet on arrival. Anyone wishing to attend who is not a member must contact Ruth Carl (on rcarl@stalbans.anglican.org or 01727 818131) in advance so their name can be added to the list of attendees.

If you wish to move any amendment to the specified resolutions, at least 7 days' notice must be given. Any amendment must, therefore, reach the Secretary to the Synod at Holywell Lodge, 41 Holywell Hill, St Albans on or before **FRIDAY 6 MARCH** and it will be circulated among members at the opening of the Synod. If such notice is not given, an amendment may then only be moved under the provisions of Standing Orders 21, 22 and 42 - 48. Copies of Standing Orders have already been circulated to all members.

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18 February 2022

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AGENDA

0930

1. **PRAYERS**

To be led by Revd Stefan Chrysostomou, Barnet Deanery.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAIR OF HOUSE OF CLERGY**

3. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

4. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 16 October 2021 (enclosed).

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

6. **PROCLAMATION OF THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES REGULATION 1993, AS AMENDED**

The Diocesan Secretary will proclaim the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993, as amended, as an Act of Synod.

A paper **(DS/22/01)** is enclosed.

1000

7. **RACIAL JUSTICE ACTION GROUP**

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Bedford will introduce this item.

There will be an opportunity for questions.

The Bishop of Bedford will then move: That this Synod affirms that The Diocese of St Albans is committed to becoming a family of churches, schools and chaplaincies within which all can flourish. Within this we are committed to advancing the

participation of those from ethnic minorities; to making sure that their voice is fully heard; to becoming a Diocese that fully reflects the diversity of its population, ensures that clergy and laity of any background can minister anywhere in the Diocese without unlawful discrimination or hinderance and which

- Celebrates as a gift from God the contribution of all in our Diocese, including especially those from UK Minority Ethnic Communities
- Invites all churches, schools and chaplaincies to place racial justice at the heart of their mission
- Welcomes the work of the Diocesan Racial Justice Action Group and supports them as they take forward their three year Action Plan
- Calls on all involved in clergy and lay appointments to ensure that they are trained in unconscious bias and safer recruitment

Papers **(DS/22/02 and DS/22/02b)** are enclosed.

8. UPDATE ON LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

The Reverend Will Gibbs (Wheathampstead Deanery) will give a presentation on 'Living in Love and Faith'.

There will be an opportunity for discussion.

1050 - 1120 (approx.) BREAK

9. ENVIRONMENT POLICY INCLUDING CARBON NET ZERO IN THE DIOCESE

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Mission and Ministry will introduce this item and there will be a brief presentation on the Environment Policy.

There will be an opportunity for questions.

A paper **(DS/22/03)** is enclosed.

10. RISING TO THE CHALLENGE: MISSION, MINISTRY AND MONEY

There will be a series of presentations and opportunities for questions and small group discussions.

A paper **(DS/22/04)** is enclosed.

Synod should finish no later than 1300.

Dates for remaining 2022 Synods

Saturday 18 June 2022
(expected to be held via Zoom)

Saturday 15 October 2022
To be held at:
All Saints Academy
Dunstable
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