



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 17 June 2023

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, 17 June 2023. **A link and password to enable you to join the meeting will be sent out separately from the agenda, one week before the meeting.**

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

Please have access to this Agenda and supporting papers during the meeting. Members will be requested to sign in by adding their name to the meeting chat on arrival. Anyone wishing to attend who is not a member must contact Ruth Carl (01727 818131 rcarl@stalbans.anglican.org) in advance in order to receive the meeting link.

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 9 June** 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 and are available on our website.

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Please refer to the **Diocesan Synod** webpage
<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/about-us/governance/synods-boards-and-committees/diocesan-synod/> for copies of Synod Agendas and accompanying paperwork, dates of future Synods and other information.

AGENDA

0930

1. **PRAYERS**

To be led by Miss Rosemary Bentley (Biggleswade Deanery).

2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 11 March 2023 (enclosed).

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

1000

5. **ADDRESS FROM THE LORD BISHOP OF BELIZE**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Rt Reverend Philip Wright, Lord Bishop of Belize, visiting for 'Windrush 75', will address Synod.

6. **ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2022**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mr David White, Diocesan Secretary, will introduce the Annual Reports for 2022, 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 2022 be now received."

Paper **(DS/23/02)** is enclosed.

7. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 2022

Mr Colin Bird, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, will introduce the Report and Accounts of the Diocesan Board of Finance for 2022 and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Diocesan Director of Finance will give an update on the current financial position.

Mr Colin Bird will then move:

"That the Report and Accounts of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance for the year 2022 be now received."

Paper **(DS/23/03)** - Report and Accounts for 2022 - is enclosed.

[N.B. Printed copies of this document are available upon request to the Diocesan Office (please contact Ruth Carl: rcarl@stalbans.anglican.org). [The full financial statements have been audited by Buzzacott LLP and their audit opinion on those accounts is unqualified. The full accounts were approved by the Diocesan Board of Finance on Monday 22 May 2023.]

1050 - 1105 (approx.) BREAK

8. LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH UPDATE

The President will give a brief update.

9. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 19 May 2023, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

Two questions have been received as set out in the enclosed paper.

Paper **(DS/23/04)** is enclosed.

10. PENTECOST TO ADVENT : REVISING OUR CATHEDRAL'S MINISTRY AND MISSION

The Very Reverend J Kelly-Moore (Dean of St Albans Cathedral) will give a presentation 'Pentecost to Advent : Revising our Cathedral's Ministry and Mission'.

There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions, including discussion in breakout rooms.

Paper **(DS/23/05)** is enclosed.

11. THE WORK OF THE MOTHER'S UNION

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mrs Jillian Thomson (Mother's Union Diocesan President) will give a presentation.

Paper **(DS/23/06)** is enclosed.

12. GROWING YOUNGER AND MORE DIVERSE – UPDATE ON CAPACITY FUNDING BID

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford, and with Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Mission and Ministry, will give an update on the Capacity Funding Bid.

13. NET ZERO CARBON IMPLEMENTATION

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mr David White, Diocesan Secretary, will give a brief update on the Net Zero Carbon Implementation.

There will be an opportunity for discussion.

Synod should finish no later than 1230.

Date of next Synod

Saturday 14th October 2023

Putteridge Bury, LU2 8LE

Dates of Synods for 2024

Saturday 9 March 2024

Saturday 15 June 2024

Saturday 12th October 2024