



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 14 October 2023

Putteridge Bury

President: The Lord Bishop of St Albans

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be held at Putteridge Bury Conference Centre, Hitchin Road, Luton, LU2 8LE on Saturday, 14 October 2023. There is parking within the grounds, but members are encouraged to share cars where possible.

The Session will commence at 0930 and is expected to finish not later than 1300. Coffee will be available from 0900.

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 October** 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. Spare copies will be available at Synod.

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09:30

AGENDA

1. **PRAYERS**

To be led by The Revd Dr Peter Waddell, Rural Dean, Watford Deanery.

2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 17 June 2023 (enclosed).

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

5. **PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 42**

The Diocesan Secretary will proclaim the Amending Canon No. 42 (provision of DSOs), as an Act of Synod. A paper (**DS/23/07**) is enclosed.

6. **APPROVAL OF DEEDS OF DELEGATION FOR SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS**

Under section 13 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, the following will be moved from the Chair:

*"That this Synod approves the new Deeds of Delegation for Suffragan Bishops, as set out in paper (**DS/23/08**) (enclosed)".*

7. **FORMULA FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD RULES TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS (2024-2027)**

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the following will be moved from the Chair:

*"This Synod agrees that for the purposes of the elections to the Diocesan Synod in 2024, there shall be no change in the number of members from that used previously, as set out in paragraph 2 of (**DS/23/09**) (enclosed)."*

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8. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 15 September, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice. Two questions have been received and are set out in the enclosed paper (**DS/23/10**).

9. GROWING YOUNGER AND MORE DIVERSE

On behalf of the Bishop's Council the Bishop of Hertford will give a brief presentation.

10. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET AND STIPEND LEVELS 2024

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance and the Diocesan Director of Finance will give a brief presentation.

Mr Colin Bird, Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, will move on behalf of the Board and at the request of the Bishop's Council:

"That this Synod, noting the recommendation from the Central Stipends Authority that the stipend for this diocese be increased by 5% from 1 April 2024, resolves that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £1,484 (5% of £29,680) to £31,164 from 1 April 2024."

Mr Colin Bird, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, will then move:

"That the estimates of requirements of the Diocesan Common Fund in 2024 in the gross sum of £16,538,655 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £16,538,655 and that the sum of £14,423,000 be requested as parochial contributions in 2024, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."

Paper (**DS/23/11**) - Diocesan Budget 2024, is enclosed.

1100– 1130 (approx.) COFFEE

11. NET ZERO CARBON ACTION PLAN UPDATE

On behalf of the Bishop's Council and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Diocesan Secretary and Tom Abraham, Net Zero Carbon Officer, will give a presentation. There will be an opportunity for discussion and feedback.

A paper **(DS/23/12)** is enclosed.

12. PARISH GRANT SCHEME UPDATE

On behalf of the Bishop's Council and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Diocesan Secretary will give an update.

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13. DIVERSITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Bedford and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Jacob Kurien, Diocesan Racial Justice Action Group Chair and Guy Hewitt, Racial Justice Director, The Church of England, will give presentations. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Synod should finish no later than 1300.

Dates for 2024 Synods

Saturday 9 March 2024

Saturday 15 June 2024 (online)

Saturday 12 October 2024

Venues to be confirmed