



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 9 March 2024

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, 9 March 2024. 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 1230. 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.

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Please refer to the **Diocesan Synod** webpage stalbandsdiocese.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.

0930

AGENDA

1. PRAYERS

To be led by the Bishop Stortford Deanery.

2. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS from the Bishop of Bedford.

3. To confirm the MINUTES of the last meeting held on 14 October 2023 (enclosed).

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS

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5. GROWING YOUNGER AND MORE DIVERSE

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Mission and Ministry will give a verbal update.

There will be an opportunity for questions.

6. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 9 February, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice. No questions have been received.

7. FINANCIAL UPDATE

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4 the Diocesan Secretary will refer to the circulated filmed presentation.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

8. STIPEND LEVEL 2024

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Dr Tim Coulson, Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, will move on behalf of the Board:

"That this Synod noting the amended recommendation from the Central Stipends Authority that national minimum and benchmark stipends be increased not by 5% but by 7% from 1 April 2024, resolves that the stipend for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this Diocese should rise by £2,078 (7% of £29,680) to £31,758 from 1 April 2024."

1100 – 1120 (approx.) COFFEE BREAK

9. GOVERNANCE REVIEW

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Diocesan Secretary will introduce this item.

Paper **(DS/24/01)** is enclosed.

10. LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Bedford will give an update.

There will be an opportunity for questions.

11. SAFEGUARDING

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Diocesan Secretary will give an update on Safeguarding in the Diocese following the Jay Review.

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

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12. DISABILITY

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Bedford and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Baroness Brinton will give a presentation.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Synod should finish no later than 1230.

Dates for future 2024 Synods

Saturday 15 June 2024
(online)

Saturday 12 October 2024
(Putteridge Bury)