



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 18 June 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, 18 June 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, please bring your own cup for refreshments.

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

Please have access to this Agenda and supporting papers during the meeting.

Members will be requested to sign an attendance sheet on arrival. Anyone wishing to attend who is not a member must contact Ruth Carl (01727 818131 rcarl@stalbans.anglican.org) in advance so that 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 10 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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AGENDA

0930

1. **PRAYERS**

To be led by Ms Cathy Sanderson (Reader - Bedford Deanery).

2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 12 March 2022 (enclosed).

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

5. **ENVIRONMENT POLICY INCLUDING CARBON NET ZERO IN THE DIOCESE**

This policy was introduced and presented at the March Synod. On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford will introduce this item and will move:

"That this Synod resolves to approve the Diocesan Environment Policy".

Paper **(DS/22/05)** is enclosed.

1000

6. **WELLBEING**

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Reverend Will Gibbs will give an update on wellbeing initiatives.

There will be an opportunity for discussion.

7. PARISH PRIORITIES FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIOCESE

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Bedford will introduce this item and give a Presentation.

There will be an opportunity for discussion.

Paper **(DS/22/06)** is enclosed.

1100 – 1120 (approx.) BREAK

8. ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2021

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No 4, Mr David White, Diocesan Secretary, will introduce the Annual Reports for 2021, 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 2021 be now received."

Paper **(DS/22/07)** is enclosed.

9. SAFEGUARDING

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford will introduce the Safeguarding Annual Report and strategy document.

Papers **(DS/22/08)** and **(DS/22/09)** are enclosed.

10. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 2021

Mr Colin Bird, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, will present the Report and Accounts of the Diocesan Board of Finance for 2021 and 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 2021 be now received."

Paper **(DS/22/10)** - Report and Accounts for 2021 - 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 Wednesday 11 May 2022 and have been filed with Companies House and the Charity Commission in accordance with the required deadlines.]

12 noon

11. THE FINANCIAL MODEL AND DIOCESAN BUDGET 2023

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No 4, Mr David White, Diocesan Secretary, will give a presentation on the Financial Model and Diocesan Budget for 2023.

There will be an opportunity for discussion.

12. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 20 May 2022, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

No questions have been received.

Synod should finish no later than 1300.

Date of next Synod

Saturday 15th October 2022

Dates of Synods for 2023

**Saturday 11th March 2023
Saturday 17th June 2023
Saturday 14th October 2023**