

TO : All members of Diocesan Synod

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

DIOCESAN SYNOD: Saturday 12 October 2024 - 0930

Putteridge Bury Conference Centre, Hitchin Road, Luton, LU2 8LE

I write formally, in accordance with the Diocesan Synod's Standing Order 17, to give preliminary notice of the business likely to be transacted at the next meeting of the Diocesan Synod, which is due to be held on Saturday 12 October 2024.

Please note that this meeting is an exceptional all-day meeting, as the first of the new Triennium. Future meetings are anticipated to be mornings only. Synod will commence at 0930 and it is envisaged that it will end no later than 1600. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Items of business are likely to include the following:-

Eucharist at the start of the new Triennium

Elections for Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Houses of Clergy and Laity

Induction for new Synod Members

Presidential Address

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2024 and Matters Arising

Announcements and business items

Questions

Amendment to standing orders (gender neutral wording)

Diocesan Budget and Stipend Levels for 2025

Living in Love and Faith – potential Synod business during the triennium

Growing Younger and More Diverse – briefing and update

Parish Grants and Welfare Grants – briefing and update

Net Zero Carbon Action Plan – progress report and discussion

The Year of Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing

Under Standing Order 21, any items of new business must be submitted not less than 35 days in advance of the session – i.e. ***Friday 6 September 2024***, but the Standing Committee can give no guarantee that such items can be included on the agenda for this session. Questions for answer at this session must be submitted not later than 14 days in advance of the session – i.e. ***Friday 27 September 2024*** – unless a special dispensation has been given to accept later notice. Members submitting questions are particularly asked to make it clear to whom they are addressed.

The agenda and supporting papers for Synod will be issued on ***Friday 20 September 2024***.

D White
Diocesan Secretary
30 August 2024