



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 12 October 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, 12 October 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 1600. Coffee will be available from 0900 and a buffet lunch will be provided – please complete the online form to confirm your attendance and dietary requirements.

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 4 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. Standing Orders can be viewed on our website.

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20 September 2024

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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.

09:30

EUCCHARIST to mark the beginning of the new triennium.

10:15

SEPARATE MEETINGS of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity.
Agenda enclosed.

10:40 - 11:00 (approx.) COFFEE

AGENDA

1. ELECTIONS

The President will announce the results of the elections of the clerical and lay Vice-Presidents and Deputy Vice-Presidents.

2. INDUCTION FOR NEW MEMBERS

With the Chair's permission under Standing Order No. 4 Mr David White, Diocesan Secretary will give a brief overview of the workings of the Diocesan Synod for new members.

11:45

3. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

4. To confirm the MINUTES of the last meeting held on 15 June 2024 (enclosed).

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS

12:00

6. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 27 September, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice. Questions received by that date will be circulated as paper **(DSQ/24/01)**.

12:10

7. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

With the Chair's permission under Standing Order No. 4 Mr David White, Diocesan Secretary will give an update. Paper **(DS/24/09)** is enclosed.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. The following Motion will then be moved from the Chair: *"That this Synod approves the amendments to their Standing Orders as noted in paper DS/24/09, with immediate effect"*.

8. DIOCESAN BUDGET AND STIPEND LEVELS 2025

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 introduce the budget and refer to the circulated recorded presentation. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Dr Tim Coulson, 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 3% from 1 April 2025, resolves that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £953 (3% of £31,758) to £32,711 from 1 April 2024."

Dr Tim Coulson, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, will then move:

"That the estimates of requirements of the Diocesan Common Fund in 2025 in the gross sum of £16,792,105 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £16,792,105 and that the sum of £14,567,000 be requested as parochial contributions in 2025, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."

Paper **(DS/24/10)** is enclosed.

1300 – 1400 LUNCH BREAK

9. LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH – Potential Synod Business During the Triennium

On behalf of the Bishop's Council the Bishop of St Albans will give a presentation. There will be an opportunity for questions.

10. PARISH GRANTS AND WELFARE GRANTS – Briefing and Update

On behalf of the Bishop's Council and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Diocesan Secretary will give a presentation. There will be an opportunity for questions.

11. GROWING YOUNGER AND MORE DIVERSE – Briefing and Update

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 and the GYMD Programme Manager, will give a presentation. There will be an opportunity for questions.

14:50

12. NET ZERO CARBON ACTION PLAN – Progress Report and Discussion

On behalf of the Bishop's Council the Bishop of Hertford and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Deputy Diocesan Secretary, Emma Critchley, and the Net Zero Carbon Officer, Tom Abraham, will give a presentation. There will be an opportunity for discussion and feedback. Paper **(DS/24/11)** is enclosed.

15:30

13. THE YEAR OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND WELLBEING

On behalf of the Bishop's Council the Bishop of Hertford and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Rev'd Oliver Blease, will give a presentation. There will be an opportunity for questions.

Synod should finish no later than 1600.

Dates for Synods in 2025

Saturday 8 March 2025

Saturday 14 June 2025 (online)

Saturday 11 October 2025

Venues to be confirmed