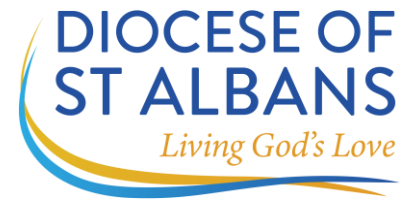


**TO : All members of Diocesan Synod**

[Copies to Rural/Area Deans, Lay Chairs and Secretaries of Deanery Synods who are not members of the Diocesan Synod.]



**PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

**DIOCESAN SYNOD: Saturday 14 June 2025 – 0930 – online via Zoom**

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 14 June 2025.

Please note that Synod will commence at 0930 and it is envisaged that it will end no later than 1230.

Items of business are likely to include the following:-

*Prayers to be led by Buntingford Deanery*

*Presidential Address (by the Bishop of Bedford)*

*Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2025 and Matters Arising*

*Announcements and business items*

*Questions*

*DBF Report and Accounts for 2024*

*Annual Reports for 2024 including Annual Safeguarding Report and presentation*

*Five Year Financial Projections and Budget Considerations*

*Update - Vacancy in See process*

*Update - The Alban Way Project*

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 9 May 2025**, 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 30 May 2025** - 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 23 May 2025**.

D White  
Diocesan Secretary  
2 May 2025