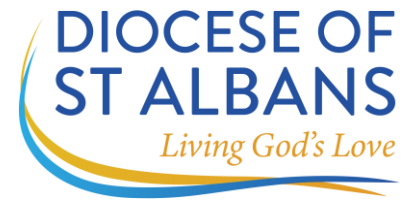


TO : All members of Diocesan Synod

[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 11 October 2025 – 0930

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 11 October 2025.

Please note that Synod will commence at 0930 and it is envisaged that it will end no later than 1600. This is a full-day Synod and will include a buffet lunch.

Items of business are likely to include the following:-

Prayers to be led by Luton Deanery

Presidential Address (by the Bishop of Bedford)

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2025 and Matters Arising

Good News Stories from around the Diocese

DBF Budget and Stipends for 2026 and Diocesan Finances Review

Fees for SSM and Readers

Report from the Diocesan Board of Education

Funding Application to the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board

Ministry Strategy Consultation

LLF Update

Diocesan Links with Linköping

Questions

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 5 September 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 26 September 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 19 September 2025**.

D White
Diocesan Secretary

27 August 2025

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