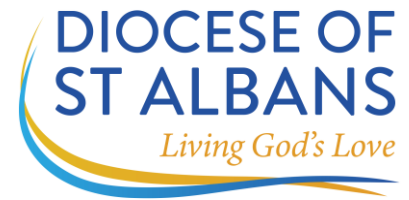


TO : All members of Diocesan Synod

[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 March 2026 – 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 14 March 2026.

Please note that Synod will commence at 0930 and it is envisaged that it will end between 1230 and 1300.

Items of business are likely to include the following:-

Prayers to be led by Berkhamsted Deanery

Presidential Address (by the Bishop of Bedford)

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2025 and Matters Arising

Good News Stories from around the Diocese

Vacancy in See Update

Living in Love and Faith Update

Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board Bid Update

Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Diocese

Vocations

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 6 February 2026**, 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 February 2026** – 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 February 2026**.

D White
Diocesan Secretary

30 January 2026