



# St Albans Diocesan Synod

**Saturday 17 October 2015**

All Saints Academy  
Dunstable

President: The Lord Bishop of St Albans

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be held at **All Saints Academy, Houghton Road, Dunstable LU5 5AB** on **Saturday, 17 October 2015**. There is parking within the grounds, but members are encouraged to share cars where possible.

The Session will commence at 9.30 am and is expected to finish not later than 2.15 pm.

Please bring with you this Agenda and supporting papers, and a packed lunch.

Members will be requested to sign an attendance sheet on arrival. Anyone wishing to attend who is not a member must contact Lynne Griffiths (on [lgriffiths@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:lgriffiths@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 9 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. Copies of Standing Orders have already been circulated to all members. Spare copies will be available at Synod.

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Please refer to the **Diocesan Synod** webpage  
<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/diocesan-synod/>  
for .copies of Synod Agendas and accompanying paperwork,  
dates of future Synods and other information.

9.30 am

**EUCHARIST** to mark the beginning of the new triennium.

10.20 am

**SEPARATE MEETINGS** of the House of Clergy (Main Hall) and the House of Laity (Dining Hall). Agenda enclosed.

10.40 am      COFFEE

## **AGENDA**

11.00 am

### **1. ELECTIONS**

The President or his deputy will announce the results of the elections of the clerical and lay Vice-Presidents.

- 2.** To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 27 June 2015 (enclosed).

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **4. PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 35**

The Diocesan Secretary will proclaim Amending Canon No. 35, which amends Canon B12, a Notice of which will be displayed in the Hall.

Details are available on the Diocesan Synod webpage.

## **5. GUIDELINES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE CLERGY – ACT OF CONVOCATION**

The Diocesan Secretary will proclaim the Act of Convocation a Notice of which will be displayed in the Hall.

Details are available on the Diocesan Synod webpage.

## **6. QUESTIONS**

Questions should have been submitted by 18 September, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

Four questions have been received and answered as set out in the enclosed paper **DS/15/08**.

11.20 am

## **7. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2016/17**

Canon David Nye, Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, will move on behalf of the Board and at the request of the Bishop's Council:

*"This Synod, NOTING the recommendation from the Central Stipends Authority that the Regional Stipend Benchmark for this diocese be increased by 1.5% from 1 April 2016, RESOLVES that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £384 (1.5% of £25,599) to £25,983 from 1 April 2016."*

## **8. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2016**

Canon David Nye, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, will move:

*"That the estimates of requirements of the Diocesan Common Fund in 2016 in the gross sum of £14,900,131 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £14,900,131 and that the sum of £12,911,931 be requested as parochial contributions in 2016, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."*

The 2016 Budget (**DS/15/09**) and Notes (**DS/15/10**) are enclosed.

12 noon

**9. PRESENTATION ON THE WORKINGS OF SYNOD**

Mr John Wallace will give a presentation on the working of the Diocesan Synod for new members and background information on the Boards and Committees.

12.30 – 1.00 pm

**10. LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2020**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Ms Kathryn Alford, Vision Development Enabler and Canon John Kiddle, Director of Mission, will give a presentation on The Listening Exercise and the Next 5 Years for Living God's Love.

Papers **DS/15/11-14** enclosed.

1.00 pm

LUNCH

1.40 – 2.10 pm

## **10. LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2020 (Continued)**

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Bedford will move:

*"This Synod:*

- i. celebrates the achievements that the diocese has experienced in Living God's Love since 2011;*
- ii. recognises that some elements of Living God's Love have proved more challenging to the diocese and its parishes;*
- iii. welcomes the proposals contained in 'Living God's Love: The next stage of the journey 2016-2020' and commends them for early consideration across the diocese;*
- iv. urges all boards and councils, deanery synods, PCCs and other stakeholders to reflect on how best they can together implement the proposals; and*
- v. commits itself to ensuring that decisions it takes over the next five years are informed by, and support, 'Living God's Love: The next stage of the journey 2016-2020'."*

## **11. CONCLUDING PRAYERS**

Synod should finish no later than 2.15 pm.