



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 12 March 2016

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, 12 March 2016**. 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 1.00 pm.

Please bring with you this Agenda and supporting papers.

Members will be requested to sign an attendance sheet on arrival. Anyone wishing to attend who is not a member must contact Lynne Griffiths (01727 818131 lgriffiths@stalbans.anglican.org) 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 March** 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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<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/diocesan-synod/>
for .pdf copies of Synod Agendas and accompanying paperwork,
dates of future Synods and other information.

AGENDA

9.30 am

1. **PRAYERS**

To be led by the Revd Kate Peacock and the Revd Ian Hill (Buntingford Deanery).

2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 17 October 2015 (enclosed).

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

10.10 am

5. **LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2020 – UPDATE**

The Bishop of Hertford will give a short presentation on Living God's Love 2020.

6. **QUESTIONS**

Questions should have been submitted by 12 February 2016, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

Two questions have been received as set out in the enclosed paper **DS/16/01**. The answers will be tabled at Synod.

7. PRESENTATION ON A VISIT TO OUR LINK DIOCESE OF BELIZE

The Archdeacon of Hertford and the Reverend Canon Dr Tim Bull (Director of Ministry), and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Jeanette Gosney (Parish Development Officer) and Mrs Sue Jones, will give a presentation to Synod on their recent visit to Belize.

10.50 am (approx.) COFFEE

11.10 am

8. DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Bishop of Bedford and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mr David Morton (Director of Education) will give a presentation.

There will be an opportunity for debate.

The Bishop of Bedford, Chair of the Board of Education, will then move on behalf of the Board:

"This Synod:

- i) endorses the vision that church schools in the Diocese of St Albans live God's love by being distinctively Christian, community-focussed and by serving the common good
- ii) supports the Board of Education, working in conjunction with the DBF, in promoting a suite of solutions to enable Church of England schools to become part of Multi-Academy Trusts
- iii) encourages the growth of the diocesan family of schools through the establishment of schools in new housing developments, membership of the affiliated schools scheme, and by facilitating the membership of community schools within local school-led Church of England Multi-Academy Trusts
- iv) approves the re-constitution of the Board of Education, prior to submission to the Secretary of State

Paper **DS/16/02** enclosed.

11.55 am

9. STRATEGY FOR LAY MINISTRY

The Reverend Canon Dr Tim Bull (Director of Mission and General Synod member) and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Jeanette Gosney (Parish Development Officer), will give an update on the Strategy for Lay Ministry.

There will be an opportunity for discussion.

Paper **DS/16/03** enclosed.

12.25 pm

10. TRANSFORMATIONS AGENDA

The Reverend Jenny Hill (Diocesan Advisor on Women's Ministry) and the Reverend Lucy Davis (Member of the Transformations Group) will speak on:

"Exploring the lived experience of ordained women: A presentation by members of the diocesan 'Transformations' group on the position of ordained women in the diocese of St Albans".

There will be an opportunity for discussion and feedback following the presentation.

Synod should finish no later than 12.55 pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The next session of Diocesan Synod will be held during the afternoon of Saturday 25 June 2016 in Richard Hale School, Hale Road, Hertford SG13 8EN followed by the Archdeacon of Hertford's Farewell Service in Hertford All Saints Church.

Further details to follow.