



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 25 June 2016

Richard Hale School
Hertford

President: The Lord Bishop of St Albans

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be held at **Richard Hale School Hertford SG13 8EN** on **Saturday, 25 June 2016**. There is parking within the grounds, but members are encouraged to share cars where possible.

The Session will commence at 1.00 pm and is expected to finish not later than 4.20 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 19 June** 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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for .pdf copies of Synod Agendas and accompanying paperwork,
dates of future Synods and other information.

AGENDA

1.00 pm

1. **PRAYERS**

To be led by Mr Philip Brown and Mrs Jane Gogarty (Biggleswade Deanery).

2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 12 March 2016 (enclosed).

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

5. **PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 34**

The Diocesan Secretary will proclaim Amending Canon 34. A Notice of which will be displayed in the Hall.

Papers may be found via a link on the Diocesan Synod webpage.

1.30 pm

6. **ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2015**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Chairs (or representatives) of the Bishop's Council, the Mission and Pastoral Committee, and the Board for Church and Society will present their reports for 2015 and deal with questions.

The Annual Report for the Diocese, including the activities of Boards and Committees is enclosed.

There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions.

The following Motion will then be moved from the Chair:

"That the Annual Report of the Diocese for 2015 be now received."

[More detailed information on the work of the Boards and Committees in 2015 can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/boards-councils-committees/>. Some copies will also be available for reference at Synod.]

7. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 2015

Canon David Nye, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, will present the Report and Accounts of the Diocesan Board of Finance for 2015 and give an update on the current financial position. Canon Nye will then move:

"That the Report and Accounts of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance for the year 2015, as laid on the table, be now received."

A copy of the abridged Report and Accounts for 2015 is enclosed.

[N.B. The enclosed financial information is an abridgement of the full financial statements of the Board for the year ended 31 December 2015. This has been provided to give background information to the presentation of the Accounts to Synod by the Chairman of the DBF. The full financial statements including the Diocesan Pastoral Account are available either on paper or electronically upon request to the Diocesan Office (please contact Lynne Griffiths: lgriffiths@stalbans.anglican.org). The full financial statements have been audited by Buzzacott LLP and their audit opinion on those accounts is unqualified. The full accounts were approved by the Diocesan Board of Finance on Monday 16 May 2016 and have been filed with Companies House and the Charity Commission in accordance with the required deadlines.]

8. PARISH SHARE – VACANCY CONTRIBUTIONS

For some years, the Parish Share Scheme allowed for a 20% reduction in Stipend contribution during a vacancy in a parish. In 2014 the reduction was changed to 10% but experience showed that the 10% retained by parishes was insufficient to cover the costs during vacancies. The Diocesan Board of Finance therefore agreed that as from 1 January 2016, for all parishes where there were vacancies, the reduction to the Stipend Contribution revert to 20%. Synod is invited to take note.

3.00 pm Refreshments (in the Dining Hall)

3.20 pm

9. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 27 May 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/16/04**, together with the answer to Question 2. The answer to Question 1 will be tabled at Synod in a Second Notice Paper.

3.30 pm

10. HALF A MILLION EVERY WEEK: MISSION OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE OCCASIONAL OFFICES

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Canon Dr Sandra Millar will give a presentation on "Half a million every week: Mission Opportunities through the occasional offices". There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Synod should finish no later than 4.20 pm.

SYNOD DATES IN 2017

Saturday 11 March

Saturday 17 June

Saturday 30 September