



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 15 October 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, 15 October 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 12.45pm.

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 (on 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 7 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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for copies of Synod Agendas and accompanying paperwork,
dates of future Synods and other information.

AGENDA

9.30am

1. PRAYERS

To be led by the Revd Richard Banham, Rural Dean of Wheathampstead Deanery.

2. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

3. To confirm the MINUTES of the last meeting held on 25 June 2016 (enclosed).

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS

5. FORMULA FOR DEANERY SYNOD ELECTIONS

At the request of the Bishop's Council, the following will be moved from the Chair:

"This Synod agrees to use the following formula for the election of lay representatives from parishes to deanery synods for the elections due in 2017:-

<i>No. of names certified on the parish electoral roll</i>	<i>No. of representatives</i>
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<i>Less than 35</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>35 and not more than 99</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>100 and not more than 199</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>200 and not more than 299</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>300 and not more than 449</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>450 and not more than 599</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>600 and over</i>	<i>7"</i>

Note: This formula was last revised in 2001 and agreed by Synod for the elections held in 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014.

6. ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

The chair will move that the Synod rescinds the motion passed at the March 2012 meeting as set out in paper **DS/16/05**.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 150th ANNIVERSARY OF READER MINISTRY

The Bishop of Hertford will give a short presentation celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Reader Ministry.

10.10 am

8. SAFEGUARDING PRESENTATION

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mr Philip Waller, Chairman of the Safeguarding Management Group will give a presentation on Safeguarding.

10.40 am (approx.) COFFEE

8. SAFEGUARDING PRESENTATION

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There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

At the request of the Safeguarding Management Group, the following will be moved from the Chair:

"This Synod affirms its commitment to safeguarding all God's people; adopts the national policies and Practice Guidance for Safeguarding within the Church of England available at <https://www.churchofengland.org/clergy-office-holders/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-adults/national-policy-practice-guidance.aspx>; and commends them to the deaneries and parishes for adoption and implementation."

9. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 16 September, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

Two have been received and answered as set out in the enclosed paper **DS/16/06**.

11.30 am

10. LIVING GOD'S LOVE

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Revd Canon Tim Lomax, Director of Mission will update the Synod on the next phase of Living God's Love.

11. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2017/18

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 stipend for this diocese be increased by 1.5% from 1 April 2017, resolves that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £390 (1.5% of £25,983) to £26,373 from 1 April 2017."

12. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2017

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 2017 in the gross sum of £15,200,425 be

approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £15,200,425 and that the sum of £13,152,925 be requested as parochial contributions in 2017, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."

The 2017 Budget (**DS/16/07**) and Notes (**DS/16/08**) are enclosed.

Synod should finish no later than 12.45 pm.