



# St Albans Diocesan Synod

**Saturday 11 March 2017**

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, 11 March 2017**. 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](mailto: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 3 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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17 February 2017

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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 Reverend Charles Hudson (Cheshunt Deanery).

2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 15 October 2016 (enclosed).

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

10.10 am

5. **RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN THE DIOCESE OF ST ALBANS**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Bonnie Evans-Hills (Hitchin Deanery) will give a short presentation on the Response to the Refugee Crisis in the Diocese of St Albans. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for small group discussion.

In order to make this a more useful experience, it is recommended that members refer to the Diocesan Synod webpage to access the following links:

A short video "Things refugees are tired of hearing":  
<https://www.facebook.com/BBCAsianNetwork/videos/10154390754540787/>

A short film from the Yarl's Wood Befrienders:  
<http://www.aviddetention.org.uk/visiting/hidden-stories>

10.50 am (approx.)      COFFEE

## 6. **QUESTIONS**

Questions should have been submitted by 10 February 2017, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

Five questions have been received as set out in the enclosed paper **DS/17/01**, together with the answers to Questions 1 and 2. The answers to Questions 3, 4 and 5 will be tabled at Synod in a Second Notice Paper.

## 7. **UPDATE ON MARRIAGE AND SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS AFTER THE SHARED CONVERSATIONS**

Mr Tim Fleming (St Albans Deanery and General Synod member) will give a short update on 'Marriage and Same Sex Relationships after the Shared Conversations'.

Members may wish to refer to the General Synod Report available at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3863472/gs-2055-marriage-and-same-sex-relationships-after-the-shared-conversations-report-from-the-house-of-bishops.pdf>.

11.35 am

## 8. **FRESH EXPRESSIONS – CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Canon Phil Potter (Archbishops' Missioner and Fresh Expressions Team Leader) will give a presentation on the significance of fresh expressions and pioneer ministry. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for small group discussion.

## 9. **"TAKE YOUR VICAR TO THE LAB"**

The Reverend Canon Dr Tim Bull, Director of Mission, will give a short presentation on "Take your vicar to the lab".

Synod should finish no later than 12.35 pm.