



# St Albans Diocesan Synod

**Saturday 30 September 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, 30 September 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 12.30 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 Ruth Carl (on [diosecpa@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:diosecpa@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 22 September** 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 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 Jonathan Gordon (Berkhamsted Deanery).

2. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 17 June 2017 (enclosed).

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

09.45 am

### **4. PRESENTATION BY THE BISHOP OF LINKÖPING**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Bishop Martin Modeus of Linköping will give a presentation on the Diocese of Linköping and opportunities for enhancing links. The presentation will be followed by the formal signing of a Covenant between the Diocese of Linköping in the Church of Sweden and the Diocese of St Albans in the Church of England. There will be an opportunity for questions.

A paper **DS/17/05** is enclosed.

### **5. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2018/19**

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 2% from 1 April 2018, resolves that the stipends*

*for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £527 (2% of £26,373) to £26,900 from 1 April 2018."*

## **6. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2018**

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 2018 in the gross sum of £16,054,418 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £16,054,418 and that the sum of £13,475,630 be requested as parochial contributions in 2018, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."*

The 2018 Budget (**DS/17/06**) and Notes (**DS/17/07**) are enclosed.

10.30 – 10.50 am (approx.) COFFEE

## **7. FORMULA FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS (2018-2021)**

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the following will be moved from the Chair:

*"This Synod agrees that for the purposes of the elections to the Diocesan Synod in 2018, there shall be no change in the number of members from that used previously, as set out in paragraph 2 of **DS/17/08**."*

A paper **DS/17/08** is enclosed.

**8. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR A NEW BOARD FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

At the request of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford will introduce this item and then move:

"This Synod approves the proposed Constitution for a new Board for Mission and Ministry as set out in Paper **DS/17/09**".

A paper **DS/17/09** is enclosed.

11.20 am

**9. SOUL SURVIVOR WATFORD – PRESENTATION BY THE REVEREND ANDY CROFT**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Andy Croft (Pioneer Minister) Soul Survivor Watford will give a presentation. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Synod should finish no later than 12.30 pm.