



# St Albans Diocesan Synod

**Saturday 13 October 2018**

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, 13 October 2018. There is parking within the grounds, but members are encouraged to share cars where possible. In order to reduce the use of disposable cups, you might also like to bring your own cup for refreshments.

The Session will commence at 9.30 am and is expected to finish not later than 12.40 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 5 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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<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/diocesan-synod/>  
for copies of Synod Agendas and accompanying paperwork,  
dates of future Synods and other information.

9.30 am

**EUCHARIST** to mark the beginning of the new triennium.

10.20 am

**SEPARATE MEETINGS** of the House of Clergy (Main Hall) and the House of Laity (Meeting Room). Agenda enclosed.

10.40 am COFFEE

## **AGENDA**

11.00 am

### **1. ELECTIONS**

The President will announce the results of the elections of the clerical and lay Vice-Presidents.

2. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 16 June 2018 (enclosed).

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

11.20 am

### **4. WORKINGS OF SYNOD AND INTRODUCTION TO THE WORK OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

The Archdeacon of St Albans will give a short overview on the working of the Diocesan Synod for new members followed by background information from the Chairs of the Boards and Committees.

## **5. QUESTIONS**

Questions should have been submitted by 14 September, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

Two questions have been received as set out in the enclosed paper **DS/18/07**.

The answers to the Questions will be tabled at Synod in a Second Notice Paper.

## **6. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2019/20**

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 2019, resolves that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £538 (2% of £26,900) to £27,438 from 1 April 2019."*

## **7. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2019**

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 2019 in the gross sum of £16,073,382 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £16,073,382 and that the sum of £13,785,443 be requested as parochial contributions in 2019, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."*

The 2019 Budget (**DS/18/08**) and Notes (**DS/18/09**) are enclosed.

## **8. "FELLOWSHIP IN THE DIGITAL WORLD"**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No.4, Mr Arun Kataria, Diocesan Communications Officer, will give a short introductory talk in readiness for the "Fellowship in the Digital World" presentation in March 2019.

In preparation, members are invited to consider three questions in advance of Synod.

- 1) How can the church be salt and light in social media and also reach out to those who are suffering as a result of its misuse, e.g. rude or abusive messages or overuse.
- 2) How have you used or might you use social media in your parish to build new or better relationships with people on the fringes of the church?
- 3) Is digital fellowship with existing church members an option for the church or an obligation?

Paper **(DS/18/10)** is enclosed.

Synod should finish no later than 12.40 pm.