



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 15 June 2019

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 June 2019. 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 09.30 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 (01727 818131 diosecpa@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 7 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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<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/diocesan-synod/>
for .pdf copies of Synod Agendas and accompanying paperwork,
dates of future Synods and other information.

**TO FACILITATE THE LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2025
DISCUSSION SESSION
OVER COFFEE, TABLE NUMBERS
WILL BE ALLOCATED ON YOUR ARRIVAL**

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR NUMBER BEFORE ENTERING
THE HALL**

THANK YOU

AGENDA

9.30 am

1. **PRAYERS**

To be led by the Reverend Canon Jo Loveridge and Mrs Diana Perkins (Hertford and Ware Deanery).

2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 9 March 2019 (enclosed).

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

5. **PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 38**

The Diocesan Secretary will proclaim Amending Canon No. 38, which replaces Canons B43 (relations with other Churches) and B44 (local ecumenical projects) with a new Canon B43 to be entitled "Of ecumenical relations", a Notice of which will be displayed in the Hall.

Details are available on the Diocesan Synod webpage.

10.00 am

6. **ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2018**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Chairs (or representatives) of the Bishop's Council and the Board for Mission and Ministry will present their reports for 2018 and deal with questions.

There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions.

The following Motion will then be moved from the Chair:

"That the Annual Reports of the Boards and Committees of the Diocese for 2018 be now received."

[The Reports of the Boards and Committees can be found on the Diocesan website at: <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/15june2019/>. Some copies will also be available for reference at Synod.]

**A Review of 2018 will be contained within Alban Life's Pentecost issue and available electronically for Synod Members on 24th May at the following link: <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/15june2019/>. Alban Life will be available in print from Sunday 9th June. Copies will also be available at Synod itself.

7. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 2018

Mr Colin Bird, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, will present the Report and Accounts of the Diocesan Board of Finance for 2018 and give an update on the current financial position. Mr Colin Bird will then move:

"That the Report and Accounts of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance for the year 2018, as laid on the table, be now received."

A copy of the abridged Report and Accounts for 2018 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 2018. 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 Ruth Carl: diosecpa@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 13 May 2019 and have been filed with Companies House and the Charity Commission in accordance with the required deadlines.]

8. INTRODUCTION TO LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2025

11.00 – 11.40 am (approx.) COFFEE AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Over the extended coffee break, there will be an opportunity for discussion and members will be asked to reflect on one of the following questions:

Looking back:

- 1) What has had the most impact in realising our vision?

Looking forward:

- 2) As you think about our ability to sustain faith across the churches of our diocese into the future, what do you think we really need to address and why?
- 3) Growing younger, so that our churches can engage with people of all ages, is an urgent need. In your context what is the biggest opportunity for growing younger and why?
- 4) As we look at ourselves, what are the main issues that we need to face up to during the third phase of LGL and why?
- 5) What would you like people outside the church family to be saying about your church in five years' time?

9. LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2025 FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS

Following the extended Coffee Break and Round Table discussion, a Feedback and Questions session will take place facilitated by the Chairman.

10. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 17 May 2019, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

One question has been received as set out in the enclosed paper **DS/19/05**, together with the answer.

11. THE CLEWER INITIATIVE ON MODERN DAY SLAVERY

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Reverend Kelvin Woolmer (Bedford Deanery) and the Reverend Atalie Gaines (Barnet Deanery) will give a presentation on 'The Clewer Initiative on Modern Day Slavery'.

There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Synod should finish no later than 12.40 pm.

Date of next Synod

Saturday 19th October 2019

**To be held at
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