



# St Albans Diocesan Synod

**Saturday 19 October 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, 19 October 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 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 11 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.

# AGENDA

9.30 am

## 1. **PRAYERS**

To be led by the Reverend Stephen Liley and the Reverend Stephen Holroyd (Sharnbrook Deanery).

## 2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 15 June 2019 (enclosed).

## 4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

## 5. **FORMULA FOR DEANERY SYNOD ELECTIONS 2020**

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 2020:-*

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

Note: This formula was last revised in 2001 and agreed by Synod for the elections held in each triennium since then.

## **6. PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 39**

The Diocesan Secretary will proclaim Amending Canon No. 39, which amends Canon B11, Canon B14, Canon B14A, Canon C5, Canon C8, Canon E2, Canon E8 and makes other minor amendments to the Canons, a Notice of which will be displayed in the Hall.

Details are available on the Diocesan Synod webpage.

10.00 am

## **7. RESTRUCTURING OF LAY MINISTRY TRAINING**

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford will introduce this item. The Director of Ministry, and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Lay Ministry Officer, will give a presentation on the Restructuring of Lay Ministry Training. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

The Bishop of Hertford will then move:

"That this Diocesan Synod:

- (a) Acknowledges with gratitude the important contribution that lay people make to the mission and ministry of the Church;
- (b) Supports the proposals for a restructured pattern of lay training; and
- (c) Encourages members of the Diocesan Synod to promote this new training in their parishes, schools and chaplaincies."

Paper **(DS/19/06)** is enclosed.

## **8. LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2025 – THE 'BIG CONVERSATION'**

The Bishop of Bedford, and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Tim Wilson (Diocesan Big Conversation Enabler) will give a short update on Living God's Love 2025.

10.45 - 11.05 am (approx.) COFFEE

## **9. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2020/21**

Mr Colin Bird, 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 2020, resolves that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £549 (2% of £27,438) to £27,987 from 1 April 2020."*

## **10. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2020**

Mr Colin Bird, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, will move:

*"That the estimates of requirements of the Diocesan Common Fund in 2020 in the gross sum of £16,466,000 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £16,466,000 and that the sum of £14,052,000 be requested as parochial contributions in 2020, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."*

The 2020 Budget (**DS/19/07**) and Notes (**DS/19/08**) are enclosed.

## **11. QUESTIONS**

Questions should have been submitted by 20 September, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

Two have been received as set out in the enclosed paper **DS/19/09**.

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

## **12. 'ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE' – THE SCIENCE, OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

The Director of Ministry, the Reverend Fiona Gibson (Biggleswade Deanery) and the Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman (Bedford Deanery), will give a joint presentation on 'Artificial Intelligence' – the science, opportunities and challenges.

There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Paper **(DS/19/10)** is enclosed.

Synod should finish no later than 12.30 pm.

**Dates for 2020 Synods**

Saturday 14 March 2020

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020

To be held at:

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