



# St Albans Diocesan Synod

**Saturday 14 March 2020**

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, 14 March 2020. **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 12.30 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 (01727 818131 [diosecpa@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto: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 6 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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21 February 2020

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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 Mr Neil Greatorex (Deanery Lay Chair, Hitchin Deanery).

## 2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 19 October 2019 (enclosed).

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

10.00 am

## 5. **GUIDANCE ON SYNOD RULES FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Canon Peter Adams (Chair of the House of Laity), will give a short presentation on 'Guidance on Synod Rules for new Members'.

[The Standing Orders can be found on the Diocesan website at: <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Standing-Orders-2008-revised-2018.pdf>. Some copies will also be available for reference at Synod.]

## 6. **REIMAGINING RURAL MINISTRY**

The Archdeacon of Bedford will introduce this item, and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Dr Mark Betson, National Rural Officer, Church of England, will give a presentation on 'Reimagining Rural Ministry'.

There will be an opportunity for questions.

**10.45 am – 11.05 (approx.) COFFEE**

**7. REIMAGINING RURAL MINISTRY FEEDBACK, ROUNDUP AND MOTION**

Following the Coffee Break, a Feedback and Roundup session will be facilitated by the Chairman.

The Archdeacon of Bedford will then move:

*"That this Synod asks the Bishop's Council to ensure that diocesan policies, and in particular the review of the diocesan Ministry Strategy, help realise the potential of all our rural Churches and enable them to thrive as flourishing Christ-centred communities".*

**8. REACHING NEW PEOPLE PROJECT (RNP)**

At the request of the Bishop's Council, and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Mission and members of the RNP Team, will give an update on the Reaching New People Project.

There will be an opportunity for questions.

A paper **DS/20/01** is enclosed.

11.40 am

**9. PREPARATION FOR GENERAL SYNOD VOTING**

At the request of the Bishop's Council Mr Tim Fleming (General Synod Member, St Albans Deanery) will give a presentation on Preparation for General Synod Voting.

There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

## **10. QUESTIONS**

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

Two questions have been received as set out in the enclosed paper **DS/20/02**. The President will give an oral response to Question 1.

The answer to Question 2 will be tabled at Synod in a Second Notice Paper.

## **11. LGL 2025 – THE ‘BIG CONVERSATION’**

The Bishop of Bedford will introduce this item, and give an update on LGL 2025 – ‘The Big Conversation’.

There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

## **12. UPDATE ON THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE**

At the request of the Bishop’s Council, and with the Chairman’s permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Tim Vickers (Watford Deanery) will give an update on the Lambeth Conference.

Synod should finish no later than 12.30 pm.

**Dates of remaining  
2020 Synods**

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

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

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