



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 13 March 2021

VIA ZOOM

President: The Lord Bishop of St Albans

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be held via Zoom on Saturday, 13 March 2021. **A link and password to enable you to join the meeting will be sent out separately from the agenda.**

The Session will commence at 09.30 am and is expected to finish not later than 12.25 pm.

Please have access to this Agenda and supporting papers during the meeting. Members will be requested to sign in by adding their name to the meeting chat on arrival. Anyone wishing to attend who is not a member must contact Ruth Carl (01727 818131 diosecpa@stalbans.anglican.org) in advance in order to receive the meeting link.

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 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.

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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 the Reverend Canon Lynda Klimas and the Reverend Caren Topley (Rural Dean and Assistant Rural Dean of Ampthill & Shefford Deanery).

2. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 17 October 2020 (enclosed).

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS

5. PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANON Nos. 40 and 41

The Diocesan Secretary will proclaim Amending Canon Nos. 40 and 41.

Details are available on the Diocesan Synod webpage.

10.00 am

6. COVENANT FOR CLERGY CARE AND WELLBEING - UPDATE

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Mission and Ministry, will give a presentation on how the Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing will be adopted and implemented to promote clergy wellbeing.

There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions.

On behalf of the Board for Mission and Ministry, the Bishop of Hertford will then move:

"That this Synod:

- 1) Calls for the ongoing development and implementation within this diocese of measures, including those set out in Paper **(DS/21/01)**, to promote clergy wellbeing, and the adoption of the Covenant.
- 2) Encourages the Bishop's Council formally to establish a Diocesan Wellbeing Group, to include within its remit the wellbeing of all engaged in ministry, both lay and ordained, and to support, enable and report on the implementation of this work."

Paper **(DS/21/01)** is enclosed.

7. UPDATE ON GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, Mr Tim Fleming (General Synod, St Albans Deanery) will give an update on the General Synod Elections 2021.

10.45 am – 11.00 am (approx.) BREAK

8. PRESENTATIONS OF ANNUAL REPORTS 2019

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Chairs (or representatives) of the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Board of Patronage will present their reports for 2019 (postponed from 2020) and deal with questions.

There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions.

[The Reports of the Boards and Committees can be found on the Diocesan website at: <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/17-october-2020/>.

9. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 12 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/21/02**), together with the answers.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF DIOCESAN YOUTH STRATEGY

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Mission and Ministry will introduce the Diocesan Youth Mission Enabler, who, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, will give a presentation on the Development of the Diocesan Youth Strategy.

There will be an opportunity for discussion, questions and feedback.

Papers (**DS/21/03**) and (**DS/21/04**) are enclosed.

11. SCHEME FOR REPRESENTATION FOR CATHEDRAL CLERGY ON ST ALBANS DEANERY SYNOD

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, Canon Peter Adams (Chair of the House of Laity) will introduce the Scheme for Cathedral Clergy Representation on St Albans Deanery Synod, and will then move:

"That this Synod:

Approves and makes the Scheme for Representation for Cathedral Clergy on St Albans Deanery Synod in the form set out in (**DS/21/05**) pursuant to rule 23 of the Church Representation Rules".

There will be an opportunity for debate and questions.

Paper (**DS/21/05**) is enclosed.

Synod should finish no later than 12.25 pm.