



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 12 June 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, 12 June 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 12.30 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 4 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 and are available on our website.

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dates of future Synods and other information.

AGENDA

9.30 am

1. **PRAYERS**

To be led by the Rev'd Simon Cutmore, Rural Dean of Rickmansworth.

2. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 13 March 2021 (enclosed).

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS**

10.00 am

5. **DIOCESAN SCHEME FOR THE INSPECTION OF CHURCHES**

Dr Christopher Green, Chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, will present an updated Diocesan Scheme for the Inspection of Churches.

There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions.

On the recommendation of the Bishop's Council, Dr Green will then move:

"That the Diocesan Scheme for the Inspection of Churches as set out in Paper **DS/21/06** be approved to come into operation with immediate effect".

Paper **(DS/21/06)** and Briefing Paper **(DS/21/07)** are enclosed.

6. 'EMERGING HOPEFULLY FROM LOCKDOWN'

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of St Albans will introduce this item. There will be an opportunity for discussion and members will be asked to reflect on the following questions during breakout room discussions:

- (i) As we seek to discern a renewed sense of God's purpose for us, how can we improve the use and quality of Mission Action Plans so that we are better equipped for the journey?
- (ii) What key step will you take to act on this?

There will then be an opportunity for feedback.

Paper **(DS/21/08)** is enclosed.

10.45 am – 11.00 am (approx.) BREAK

7. QUESTIONS

Questions should have been submitted by 14 May 2021, unless the President has given special dispensation to accept shorter notice.

No questions have been received.

8. ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2020

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Chairs (or representatives) of the Diocesan Board of Education and the Verulam House Fund Trust will present their reports for 2020 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 2020 be now received."

Paper **(DS/21/09)** is enclosed.

9. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 2020

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 2020 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 2020 be now received."

Paper **(DS/21/10)** - Report and Accounts for 2020 - is enclosed.

[N.B. The full financial statements including the Diocesan Pastoral Account are available in paper format 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 17 May 2021 and have been filed with Companies House and the Charity Commission in accordance with the required deadlines.]

10. 'LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH – THE PROCESS'

The Reverend Will Gibbs (Wheathampstead Deanery) will give a short presentation on 'Living in Love and Faith – the Process'.

Paper **(DS/21/11)** is enclosed.

Synod should finish no later than 12.30 pm.

Date of next Synod

Saturday 16th October 2021

**To be held at
All Saints Academy,
Dunstable, LU5 5AB or Via Zoom**

Dates of Synods for 2022

**Saturday 12th March 2022
Saturday 18th June 2022
Saturday 15th October 2022**