



St Albans Diocesan Synod

Saturday 16 October 2021

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, 16 October 2021. 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. Members are asked to bring a packed lunch.**

The Session will commence at 9.30 am, please arrive by 9.15 am to allow Members to be seated prior to the Eucharist. The Session is expected to finish not later than 2.00 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 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 8 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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for copies of Synod Agendas and accompanying paperwork,
dates of future Synods and other information.

**TO FACILITATE THE DISCUSSION SESSION
OVER THE LUNCH BREAK, TABLE NUMBERS
WILL BE ALLOCATED ON YOUR ARRIVAL**

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

THANK YOU

9.30 am

EUCHARIST to mark the beginning of the new triennium.

10.20 am

SEPARATE MEETINGS of the House of Clergy (Main Hall) and the House of Laity (Meeting Room). Agenda enclosed.

AGENDA

1. ELECTIONS

The President will announce the results of the elections of the clerical and lay Vice-Presidents.

2. WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

11.10 am (approx.) COFFEE

3. To confirm the **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 12 June 2021 (enclosed).

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS & BUSINESS ITEMS

5. WORKINGS OF SYNOD AND INTRODUCTION TO THE WORK OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Mr Tim Fleming (Wheathampstead Deanery) will give a short overview on the working of the Diocesan Synod for new members.

11.50 am

6. ADOPTION OF A SCHEME UNDER THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEASURE 2021

The Bishop of St Albans will introduce this item, the Bishop of

Bedford, and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Education, will brief Synod on the potential impact of the new Scheme.

There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions.

The Bishop of St Albans, with the consent of the Diocesan Board of Education, will move:

"That this Synod resolves:

- 1. To approve the form of draft Scheme before it (which would designate The St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance as the Diocesan Board of Education of the Diocese of St Albans) in accordance with the proposal submitted by the Bishop of St Albans with the consent of the current Diocesan Board of Education.*
- 2. That it is ready to make the Scheme, conditional on it being certified by the Archbishops' Council in accordance with s.23(1) of the Measure and that the Scheme will come into effect on the date specified in the certificate.*
- 3. To authorise the submission to the Archbishops' Council of that draft Scheme and to request that the Bishop and Director of Education take such other steps as are necessary in connection with this process."*

Papers **(DS/21/12)** and **(DS/21/13)** are enclosed.

12.20 pm

7. 'LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE, MISSION ORIENTATED, KINGDOM FOCUSED'

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Mission and Ministry will introduce the following question for discussion by Synod members over the lunch break:

"What do you think are the three key points that Synod should be looking at over the next three years to take forward the mission and ministry to which we are called?"

12.30 pm – 1.10 pm (approx.) LUNCH BREAK AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

8. 'LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE, MISSION ORIENTATED, KINGDOM FOCUSED'

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

9. QUESTIONS

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

No questions have been received.

1.30 pm

10. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2022/23

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 1% from 1 April 2022, resolves that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £280 (1% of £27,987) to £28,267 from 1 April 2022."

11. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2022

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 2022 in the gross sum of £15,979,946 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding

£15,979,946 and that the sum of £14,000,000 be requested as parochial contributions in 2022, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme.”

The Note to the 2022 Budget (**DS/21/14**) is enclosed.

Synod should finish no later than 2.00 pm.

Dates for 2022 Synods

Saturday 12 March 2022

Saturday 18 June 2022

Saturday 15 October 2022

To be held at:

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