

**TO:** All members of Diocesan Synod

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## **PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

**DIOCESAN SYNOD: 9.30am Saturday 17 October 2015**  
**All Saints Academy, Houghton Road, Dunstable LU5 5AB.**

I write formally, in accordance with the Diocesan Synod's Standing Order 17, to give preliminary notice of the business likely to be transacted at the next meeting of the Diocesan Synod, which is due to be held on Saturday 17 October 2015 at the All Saints Academy, Dunstable LU5 5AB.

A Eucharist will be held at **9.30am** followed by separate meetings of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity to elect respective Vice-Presidents for the triennium.

**Nomination forms, which must be returned to me by Friday 9 October 2015, are enclosed.**

Coffee will be served at approximately **10.40am**.

Synod will convene at **11.00am**. Items of business are likely to include the following:

Results of the elections in the separate houses.

Minutes.

Announcements, business items and proclamation of Amending Canon No 35.

Questions.

Financial Matters i) Stipend levels for 2016/17  
ii) Diocesan Common Fund 2016

Presentation of the workings of Synod and an introduction to the work of the Boards and Committees.

Living God's Love 2020 – The listening exercise and proposed way forward.

Under Standing Order 21, any items of new business must be submitted not less than 35 days in advance of the session - i.e. **Friday 11 September 2015**, but the Standing Committee can give no guarantee that such items can be included on the agenda for this session. Questions for answer at this session must be submitted not later than 28 days in advance of the session - i.e. **Friday 18 September** - unless a special dispensation has been given to accept later notice. Members submitting questions are particularly asked to make it clear to whom they are addressed.

The agenda and supporting papers for Synod will be issued on **Friday 25 September**.

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**Diocesan Secretary**

4 September 2015

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