

**TO :**

All members of Diocesan Synod  
[Copies to Rural Deans, Lay Chairmen and Secretaries of Deanery  
Synods who are not members of the Diocesan Synod.]

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

**DIOCESAN SYNOD: 1.00 pm Saturday 25 June 2016**  
**Richard Hale School, Hertford SG13 8EN**

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 25 June 2016 at Richard Hale School, Hertford, SG13 8EN.

Please note that ***the Synod will commence at 1.00 pm*** and it is envisaged that it will end no later than 4.20 pm.

Items of business are likely to include the following: -

*Prayers to be led by Biggleswade Deanery*

*Presidential Address*

*Minutes*

*Announcements and business items*

*Proclamation of Amending Canon 34*

*Annual Reports for 2015 (with presentations from Bishop's Council, Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee and Board for Church and Society)*

*Report and Accounts for the DBF for 2015*

*Questions*

*Baptisms and Funerals – Mission Opportunities*

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 20 May 2016***, 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 27 May 16***- 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 3 June 16***.

S E Pope  
Diocesan Secretary  
13 May 2016