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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: 9.30 am Saturday 10 March 2018
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 10 March 2018 at the All Saints Academy, Dunstable.

Please note that ***the Synod will commence at 9.30 am*** and it is envisaged that it will end no later than 1.00 pm.

Items of business are likely to include the following:-

Prayers to be led by Welwyn & Hatfield Deanery

Presidential Address

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2017 and Matters Arising

Announcements and business items

Empowering the Church to take action for the planet – a Presentation by Mr Andy Lester, Conservation Director of the Christian Campaign Organisation A Rocha UK

Questions

Proposal for a new Constitution for the Readers' Association

Diocesan Dashboards Presentation by the Bishop of Hertford and the Director of Mission

Presentation by Mr Chris Curtis, Chief Executive of Youthscape, Luton

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 2 February 2018**, 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 9 February 2018** - 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 16 February 2018**.

S E Pope
Diocesan Secretary
26 January 2018