

**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: 9.30 am Saturday 16 June 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 16 June 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 Luton Deanery*

*Presidential Address*

*Minutes*

*Announcements and business items*

*Proclamation of Amending Canons Nos. 36 and 37*

*Annual Reports for 2017 (with presentations from the Diocesan Board of Education, the Verulam House Fund Trust and the Board of Patronage)*

*Report and Accounts of the Diocesan Board of Finance for 2017*

*Questions*

*Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee – proposed change to constitution*

*St Albans Deanery Synod Motion requesting a review of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 so that vacant benefices are filled as soon as reasonably practicable*

*Presentation followed by debate on Gambling and Advertising*

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 May 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 18 May 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 25 May 2018**.

  
S E Pope  
Diocesan Secretary  
4 May 2018