

**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 13 October 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 13 October 2018 at the All Saints Academy, Dunstable.

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 5 October 2018, are enclosed.**

Synod will convene at **10.40am**. Items of business are likely to include the following: -

*Results of the elections in separate houses.*

*Minutes*

*Announcements and business items*

*Workings of Synod and Introduction to the work of Boards and Committees*

*Questions*

*Stipend Levels for 2019/20*

*Diocesan Common Fund 2019*

*"Fellowship in the Digital World" introduced by the Communications Officer*

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 7 September 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 14 September 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 21 September 2018**.

S E Pope  
Diocesan Secretary  
31 August 2018