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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 9 March 2019
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 9 March 2019 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 Hemel Hempstead Deanery

Presidential Address

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2018 and Matters Arising

Announcements and business items

"What happened last time" – Introduction from the Reverend Simon Cutmore and the Communications Officer

"Shaping the Future of Work" – a presentation by Ms Alison Smith, Chair of the Europe Group

"#liedentity – Who you are is more than how you look" – a presentation by the Archdeacon of Hertford

"Celebrating and including BAME People in the Diocese" – a presentation by the Bishop of Bedford and the Reverend Grace Sentamu Baverstock

Questions

Update on Reaching New People by the Bishop of Hertford and the Director of Mission

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 1 February 2019**, 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 8 February 2019** - 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 15 February 2019**.

S E Pope
Diocesan Secretary
25 January 2019