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All members of Diocesan Synod

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

DIOCESAN SYNOD: 9.30 am Saturday 19 October 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 19 October 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 12.30; pm.

Items of business are likely to include the following:-

Prayers to be led by the Sharnbrook Deanery

Presidential Address

Minutes

Announcements and business items

Formula for Deanery Synod Elections 2020

Proclamation of Amending Canon No. 39

Restructuring of Lay Ministry Training – a presentation by the Director of Ministry and the Lay Ministry Officer

Living God's Love 2025 – the 'Big Conversation'

Stipend Levels for 2020/21

Diocesan Common Fund Budget 2020

Questions

"AI and Robotics – the Science, Opportunities and Challenges" – a joint presentation by the Director of Ministry, the Reverend Fiona Gibson and the Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman

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 13 September 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 20 September 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 27 September 2019**.

S E Pope
Diocesan Secretary
6 September 2019

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