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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 17 October 2020 via ZOOM

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 via ZOOM on Saturday 17 October 2020.

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.

A Protocol for virtual meetings via Zoom and procedures for voting during these meetings will be issued with the Agenda.

Items of business are likely to include the following:-

Prayers to be led by Stevenage Deanery

Presidential Address

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2020 and Matters Arising

Announcements and business items

Formula for Diocesan Synod Elections 2021

Proclamation of Clergy Covenant for Wellbeing Act of Synod 2020

Annual Reports for 2019 (noting the reports from the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Board of Patronage)

Report and Accounts of the Diocesan Board of Finance for 2019

Questions

'Becoming an Eco Diocese' – a presentation from Mrs Rachel Johnston – Diocesan Environment Officer - followed by a motion from St Albans Deanery Synod

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Stipend Levels for 2021/22

Diocesan Common Fund 2021

Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing Roundup – the Director of Ministry will present the feedback from the separate meetings of the Houses of Clergy and Laity. The Bishop of Hertford will move a motion on behalf of the Bishop’s Council.

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 September 2020**, 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 September 2020** - 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 September 2020**.

S E Pope
Diocesan Secretary
4 September 2020