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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 13 March 2021 - 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 13 March 2021

Please note that ***the Synod will commence at 9.30 am*** and it is envisaged that it will end no later than 12.25 pm.

Items of business are likely to include the following:-

Prayers to be led by Ampthill and Shefford Deanery

Presidential Address

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2020 and Matters Arising

Announcements and business items

Proclamation of Amending Canons Nos. 40 and 41

Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing – to receive a report and presentation from the Director of Mission and Ministry on behalf of the Board for Mission and Ministry, followed by discussion and debate

Update on General Synod Elections – Presentation by Mr Tim Fleming (General Synod and St Albans Deanery)

Presentations from Diocesan Advisory Committee and Board of Patronage followed by questions (deferred from October 2020 Synod)

Questions

Development of Youth Strategy – to receive a report and presentation from the Diocesan Youth Mission Enabler and the Director of Mission and Ministry followed by discussion and questions

To consider a Scheme for representation of Cathedral Clergy on Deanery Synod followed by 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 5 February 2021**, 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 12 February 2021** - 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 19 February 2021**.

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Diocesan Secretary
29 January 2021

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