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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 12 June 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 12 June 2021

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 Rickmansworth Deanery

Presidential Address

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2021 and Matters Arising

Announcements and business items

To receive and approve a Diocesan Scheme for the Inspection of Churches

'Emerging Hopefully from Lockdown' – introduction from the Bishop of St Albans followed by questions, breakout rooms and debate

Questions

Annual Reports for 2020 (with presentations from the Diocesan Board of Education and the Verulam House Fund Trust)

Report and Accounts for the Diocesan Board of Finance for 2020

'Living in Love and Faith – The Process' – Presentation from the Reverend Will Gibbs

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 May 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 14 May 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 21 May 2021**.

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Diocesan Secretary
30 April 2021

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