

## **ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD - SATURDAY 17 October 2015**

### **Summary of business**

#### **1. ELECTIONS**

The Bishop of Bedford, as Acting President announced that, as a result of the House elections, Canon Jo Loveridge had been elected as Chairman of the House of Clergy and Clerical Vice-President of the Synod, and Mr John Wallace had been elected as Chairman of the House of Laity and Lay Vice-President of the Synod.

#### **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BUSINESS ITEMS**

The Acting President noted those people who had recently joined or left the Diocese, taken up new roles within the Diocese, retired or died, and in particular thanked Canon John Kiddle for his work as Director of Mission, as he prepared to leave the diocese to take up a new post in the Diocese of Southwark.

#### **3. PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 35**

Papers may be found via a link on the Synod page of the diocesan website:  
<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/October-2015/>.

#### **4. GUIDELINES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE CLERGY – ACT OF CONVOCATION**

The Diocesan Secretary proclaimed the Act of Convocation. Papers may be found via a link on the Synod page of the diocesan website:  
<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/October-2015/>.

#### **5. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2016/17**

Canon David Nye, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, gave a presentation. Following discussion, Canon Nye moved:

*“This Synod, NOTING the recommendation from the Central Stipends Authority that the Regional Stipend Benchmark for this diocese be increased by 1.5% from 1 April 2016, RESOLVES that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £384 (1.5% of £25,599) to £25,983 from 1st April 2016.”*

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with 5 absentions.

#### **6. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2016**

Canon David Nye, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, gave a presentation.

Following discussion, Canon Nye moved:

*“That the estimates of requirements of the Diocesan Common Fund in 2016 in the gross sum of £14,900,131 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £14,900,131 and that the sum of £12,911,931 be requested as parochial contributions in 2016, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme.”*

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

#### **7. PRESENTATION OF THE WORKINGS OF SYNOD**

Mr John Wallace asked representatives of the Boards and Committees to talk for one minute on the activity of each Board to promote the work of the Boards and Committees to the new members of Synod.

## 8. LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2020

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Ms Kathryn Alford, Vision Development Enabler and Canon John Kiddle, Director of Mission, gave a presentation on The Listening Exercise and the Next 5 Years for Living God's Love.

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Bedford moved:

*"This Synod:*

- i. celebrates the achievements that the diocese has experienced in Living God's Love since 2011;*
- ii. recognises that some elements of Living God's Love have proved more challenging to the diocese and its parishes;*
- iii. welcomes the proposals contained in 'Living God's Love: The next stage of the journey 2016-2020' and commends them for early consideration across the diocese;*
- iv. urges all boards and councils, deanery synods, PCCs and other stakeholders to reflect on how best they can together implement the proposals; and*
- v. commits itself to ensuring that decisions it takes over the next five years are informed by, and support, 'Living God's Love: The next stage of the journey 2016-2020'."*

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.