

ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD - SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2016

Summary of business

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Address can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/bishop-of-st-albans-sermons/>

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BUSINESS ITEMS

The President noted those people who had recently joined or left the Diocese, taken up new roles within the Diocese, retired or died.

3. LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2020 - UPDATE

The Bishop of Hertford gave a short power point presentation on Living God's Love 2020.

4. PRESENTATION ON A VISIT TO OUR LINK DIOCESE OF BELIZE

The Archdeacon of Hertford and the Reverend Canon Dr Tim Bull (Director of Ministry), and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Jeanette Gosney (Parish Development Officer) and Mrs Sue Jones, gave a presentation to Synod on their recent visit to Belize.

5. DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION – LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Bishop of Bedford and Mr David Morton (Director of Education) gave a presentation.

Following discussion, the Bishop of Bedford moved:

"This Synod:

- i) Endorses the vision that church schools in the Diocese of St Albans live God's love by being distinctively Christian, community-focussed and by serving the common good*
- ii) Supports the Board of Education, working in conjunction with the DBF, in promoting a suite of solutions to enable Church of England schools to become part of Multi-Academy Trusts*
- iii) Encourages the growth of the diocesan family of schools through the establishment of schools in new housing developments, membership of the affiliated schools scheme, and by facilitating the membership of community schools within local school-led Church of England Multi-Academy Trusts*
- iv) Approves the re-constitution of the Board of Education, prior to submission to the Secretary of State.*

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with 1 abstention.

6. STRATEGY FOR LAY MINISTRY

The Reverend Canon Dr Tim Bull (Director of Mission and General Synod Member) and the Reverend Jeanette Gosney (Parish Development Officer) gave an update on the Strategy for Lay Ministry.

7. TRANSFORMATIONS AGENDA

The Reverend Jenny Hill (Diocesan Advisor on Women's Ministry) and the Reverend Lucy Davis (Member of the Transformations Group) spoke on "Exploring the lived experience of ordained women: A presentation by members of the diocesan 'Transformations' group on the position of ordained women in the diocese of St Albans".