

ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD - SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2016

Summary of business

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Address can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Presidential-Address-October-2016>.

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. FORMULA FOR DEANERY SYNOD ELECTIONS

The Chairman moved:

"This Synod agrees to use the following formula for the election of lay representatives from parishes to deanery synods for the elections due in 2017.

***No. of names certified on
the parish electoral roll***

No. of representatives

<i>Less than 35</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>35 and not more than 99</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>100 and not more than 199</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>200 and not more than 299</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>300 and not more than 449</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>450 and not more than 599</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>600 and over</i>	<i>7"</i>

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with one abstention.

4. ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

The Chairman moved that the Synod rescind the motion passed at the March 2012 meeting as set out in paper **DS/16/05**.

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with five abstentions.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF READER MINISTRY

The Bishop of Hertford gave a short presentation celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Reader Ministry.

6. SAFEGUARDING PRESENTATION

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mr Philip Waller, Chairman of the Safeguarding Management Group gave a presentation on Safeguarding.

The Chairman moved:

"This Synod affirms its commitment to safeguarding all God's people; adopts the national policies and Practice Guidance for Safeguarding within the Church of England available at <https://www.churchofengland.org/clergy-office-holders/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-adults/national-policy-practice-guidance.aspx>; and commends them to the deaneries and parishes for adoption and implementation."

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

7. LIVING GOD'S LOVE

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, The Reverend Canon Tim Lomax, Director of Mission, updated the Synod on the next phase of Living God's Love.

8. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2017/18

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 2017, RESOLVES that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £390 (1.5% of £25,982) to £26,373 from 1st April 2017."

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with two against and six abstentions.

9. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2017

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 2017 in the gross sum of £15,200,425 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £15,200,425 and that the sum of £13,152,925 be requested as parochial contributions in 2017, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with one against.