

## **ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD - SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2017**

### **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. QUESTIONS**

A number of questions had been submitted and answered and supplementary questions were asked at the Synod.

#### **4. RESPONSE TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN THE DIOCESE OF ST ALBANS**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Bonnie Evans-Hills (Diocesan Inter-Faith Adviser) gave a presentation on the response to the Refugee Crisis in the Diocese of St Albans. There followed group discussions and questions from Synod Members. The presentation can be found on <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/synod-business/11-march-2017>.

#### **5. UPDATE ON MARRIAGE AND SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS AFTER THE SHARED CONVERSATIONS**

Mr Tim Fleming (St Albans Deanery and General Synod Member) gave an update on 'Marriage and Same Sex Relationships after the Shared Conversations'. He noted that the next steps in the discussion would be for Synod Members to talk to the Bishops, to contact General Synod Members, to talk to the Diocesan Synod Agenda Group via the Diocesan Synod House of Clergy Chair and House of Laity Chair and to talk to Deanery Synods.

The General Synod Report can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3863472/gs-2055-marriage-and-same-sex-relationships-after-the-shared-conversations-report-from-the-house-of-bishops.pdf>.

#### **6. FRESH EXPRESSIONS – CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE**

The Reverend Canon Tim Lomax introduced the item, reporting on a bid to the Church Commissioners for Strategic Development Funding to support the work of Fresh Expressions in the Diocese.

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Canon Phil Potter (Archbishops' Missioner and Fresh Expressions Team Leader) gave a presentation on the significance of fresh expressions and pioneer ministry.

#### **7. "TAKE YOUR VICAR TO THE LAB"**

The Reverend Canon Dr Tim Bull (Director of Mission) gave a short presentation on "Take your vicar to the lab".