

ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD - SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Summary of business

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BUSINESS ITEMS

The President asked members to remember in their prayers those in the link dioceses in the Caribbean who had been devastated by the recent hurricanes, and those suffering in the Rohingya crisis.

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

2. PRESENTATION BY THE BISHOP OF LINKÖPING

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Bishop Martin Modeus of Linköping gave a presentation on the Diocese of Linköping and opportunities for enhanced links. The presentation was followed by the formal signing of a Covenant between the Diocese of Linköping in the Church of Sweden and the Diocese of St Albans in the Church of England.

3. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2018/19

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

Canon Nye then moved:

"This Synod, NOTING the recommendation from the Central Stipends Authority that the Regional Stipend Benchmark for this diocese be increased by 2% from 1 April 2018, RESOLVES that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £527 (2% of £26,373) to £26,900 from 1st April 2018."

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with TWO against and FIVE abstentions.

4. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2018

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

Canon Nye then moved:

"That the estimates of requirements of the Diocesan Common Fund in 2018 in the gross sum of £16,054,418 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £16,054,418 and that the sum of £13,475,630 be requested as parochial contributions in 2018, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."

Mr Anthony Archer (General Synod) moved as an amendment the addition of:

"And instructs the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee urgently to review the budgetary and other implications of proposed redundancies of diocesan staff and the reasons thereof, and to report back to Synod".

The Amendment was PUT and CARRIED with THREE abstentions.

The Main Motion as amended was PUT and CARRIED with THREE against and SEVEN abstentions.

5. FORMULA FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS (2018-2021)

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

"This Synod agrees that for the purposes of the elections to the Diocesan Synod in 2018, there shall be no change in the number of members from that used previously, as set out in paragraph 2 of **DS/17/08**".

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

[Paper DS/17/08 may be found at: <http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/30-september-2017/>]

6. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR A NEW BOARD FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

At the request of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford introduced the item and following discussion moved:

"This Synod approves the proposed Constitution for a new Board for Mission and Ministry as set out in Paper **DS/17/09**".

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with TWO against and THREE abstentions.

7. SOUL SURVIVOR WATFORD – PRESENTATION BY THE REVEREND ANDY CROFT

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Andy Croft (Pioneer Minister) Soul Survivor Watford gave a presentation.