

## **ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD - SATURDAY 16 JUNE 2018**

### **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. PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANONS NOS. 36 AND 37**

Papers may be found via a link on the Synod page of the diocesan website:  
<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/16-june-2018/>.

#### **4. ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2017**

Synod received the annual reports of the Boards and Committees for 2017. The Chair of the Board of Education and the Chair of the Verulam House Fund Trust presented their reports. The Reverend Will Gibbs presented the report for the Board of Patronage.

There were no questions. The Chairman moved:

*"That the Annual Report of the Diocese for 2017 be now received."*

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

[A detailed copy of the Annual Report for 2017 can be found at:  
<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/boards-councils-committees/>]

#### **5. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 2017**

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

Following one question, Canon Nye moved:

*"That the Report and Accounts of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance for the year 2017, as laid on the table, be now received."*

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

[A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts of the DBF can be found at:  
<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/16-june-2018/>]

#### **6. QUESTIONS**

Three questions had been submitted. The answers were tabled in a Second Notice Paper and one supplementary question was asked at the Synod.

#### **7. DIOCESAN MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE – PROPOSED CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION**

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Bedford introduced this item.

Following four responses, the Bishop of Bedford moved:

"i) *That from 1 January 2019, the functions of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee shall be carried out by the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee and via the meetings of Rural Deans as set out in **DS/18/04**.*

- ii) *That from 1 January 2019, the members of the Committee should be members of the Bishop's Council as set out in **DS/18/04**.*
- iii) *As a consequence of this, Standing Order 103 shall be amended, as set out in enclosed paper **DS/18/04**".*

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with 6 ABSTENTIONS.

A copy of paper (**DS/18/04**) had been circulated.

## **8. ST ALBANS DEANERY SYNOD MOTION**

Mr Simon Baynes (St Albans Deanery and General Synod member) gave a presentation.

Following eleven responses, Mr Simon Baynes moved:

*"That this Synod call on the General Synod to debate a motion in the following form:*

*That this Synod:*

- (i) *Recognise the disruption caused to a parish and its mission during a vacancy;*
- (ii) *Request the Archbishops' Council to review within 12 months the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 with a view to ensuring that:*
  - a) *The process for filling a vacancy in a benefice is begun as soon as practicable after the bishop becomes aware that the benefice is to become vacant;*
  - b) *All concerned in the process of filling vacancies, including patrons, bishops, and parochial church councils, co-operate so that vacancies are filled as soon as reasonably practicable".*

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with 1 ABSTENTION.

A copy of paper (**DS/18/05**) had been circulated.

## **9. PRESENTATION ON ADVERTISING AND GAMBLING**

The Archdeacon of St Albans gave a presentation.

Following five responses, the Archdeacon of St Albans moved:

*"That this Synod call on the General Synod to debate a motion in the following form:*

*That this Synod, noting the greatly increased levels of gambling advertising and research showing significant levels of gambling by children:*

- (a) *call on Her Majesty's Government to reduce the quantity and pervasiveness of gambling advertising and introduce a mandatory levy on gambling firms to fund independently commissioned research, education, and treatment programs;*
- (b) *encourage churches to be an open place for people who have problems with gambling to seek support; and*
- (c) *ask churches to support initiatives which educate children and young people about risks related to gambling".*

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

A copy of paper (**DS/18/06**) had been circulated