

ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD - SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2018

Summary of business

1. ELECTIONS

The President announced that, as a result of the House elections, the Reverend Javaid Iqbal had been elected as Chairman of the House of Clergy and Clerical Vice-President of the Synod, and Canon Peter Adams had been elected as Chairman of the House of Laity and Lay Vice-President of the Synod.

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. WORKINGS OF SYNOD AND INTRODUCTION TO THE WORK OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Archdeacon of St Albans presented an overview on the workings of the Diocesan Synod and introduced representatives of the Boards and Committees who gave a short talk to promote the work of each Board to the new members of Synod.

4. STIPEND LEVELS FOR 2019/20

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 stipend for this diocese be increased by 2% from 1 April 2019, RESOLVES that the stipends for incumbents and those of incumbent status in this diocese should rise by £538 (2% of £26,900) to £27,438 from 1 April 2019."

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with 4 AGAINST and 2 ABSTENTIONS.

5. DIOCESAN COMMON FUND BUDGET 2019

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 2019 in the gross sum of £16,073,382 be approved, and that the Synod authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in accordance therewith a sum not exceeding £16,073,382 and that the sum of £13,785,443 be requested as parochial contributions in 2019, to be apportioned in accordance with the approved Parish Shares Scheme."

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED with 1 AGAINST and 3 ABSTENTIONS.

6. "FELLOWSHIP IN THE DIGITAL WORLD"

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mr Arun Kataria, Diocesan Communications Officer, gave a short introductory talk in readiness for the "Fellowship in the Digital World" presentation in March 2019.

In preparation, members were invited to consider three questions in advance of Synod.

- 1) How can the church be salt and light in social media and also reach out to those who are suffering as a result of its misuse, e.g. rude or abusive messages or overuse?
- 2) How have you used or might you use social media in your parish to build new or better relationships with people on the fringes of the church?
- 3) Is digital fellowship with existing church members an option for the church or an obligation?

A copy of paper **(DS/18/10)** had been circulated.