

## **ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD - SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2019**

### **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, and in particular thanked Mr Matthew Chinery for his work as Diocesan Registrar, as he prepared to leave the diocese to take up a new post with the Church in Wales. The President welcomed Mr Colin Bird as the new Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance.

#### **3. INTRODUCTION TO 'WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME'**

At the request of the Bishop's Council, the Reverend Simon Cutmore and, with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Diocesan Communications Officer, introduced this item.

#### **4. 'SHAPING THE FUTURE OF WORK'**

With the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, Mrs Alison Smith, Chair of the Europe Group, gave a presentation on 'Shaping the Future of Work'.

#### **5. '#LIEDENTITY – WHO YOU ARE IS MORE THAN HOW YOU LOOK'**

At the request of the Bishop's Council, the Archdeacon of Hertford gave a presentation on '#liedentity – Who you are is more than how you look'.

#### **6. FEEDBACK AND EXAMPLES FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Over the extended coffee break, members discussed and reflected on the following questions and prepared one 'question' and one 'opportunity' arising from their discussion:

- a) Ways in which digital means could help their parishes to deliver Living God's Love;
- b) How their parishes might make a Christian response to tackling the issues arising from digitalisation.

#### **7. 'CELEBRATING AND INCLUDING BAME PEOPLE IN THE DIOCESE'**

At the request of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Bedford, and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Reverend Grace Sentamu Bavestock, gave a presentation on 'Celebrating and Including BAME people in the Diocese'.

#### **8. UPDATE ON REACHING NEW PEOPLE**

At the request of the Bishop's Council, the Bishop of Hertford, and with the Chairman's permission under Standing Order No. 4, the Director of Mission, Mr Mark Dunwoody, RNP Senior FX Development Officer and Mrs Patricia Humber, RNP Monitoring Coordinator, gave a presentation.