

ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD - SATURDAY 15 JUNE 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. The Chairman welcomed the Archdeacon of Bedford and Mr Jon Baldwin (Deputy Diocesan Registrar) to their first Synod meeting and in particular thanked Mr Martin Bishop for his work as Financial Secretary, as he prepared to leave the diocese to take up a new post.

3. PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 38

Papers may be found via a link on the Synod page of the diocesan website:

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/15june2019/>

4. ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2018

Synod received the annual reports of the Boards and Committees for 2018. The Bishop of Bedford presented the report for the Bishop's Council and Mrs Janet Bird, the Director of Mission and the Director of Ministry presented the report for the Board for Mission and Ministry.

Following two questions. The Chairman moved:

"That the Annual Report of the Diocese for 2018 be now received."

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

[A detailed copy of the Annual Report for 2018 can be found at:

<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/boards-councils-committees/>]

5. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 2018

Mr Colin Bird, Chairman of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, gave a presentation.

Following three questions, Mr Bird moved:

"That the Report and Accounts of the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance for the year 2018, as laid on the table, be now received."

The Motion was PUT and CARRIED unanimously.

[A copy of the Abridged Annual Report and Accounts of the DBF can be found at:

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/15june2019/>]

6. INTRODUCTION TO LIVING GOD'S LOVE 2025

Over the extended Coffee Break, members discussed and reflected on the following questions and prepared responses arising from their discussion:

Looking back:

- 1) What has had the most impact in realising our vision?

Looking forward:

- 2) As you think about our ability to sustain faith across the church of our diocese into the future, what do you think we really need to address and why?
- 3) Growing younger, so that our churches can engage with people of all ages, is an urgent need. In your context what is the biggest opportunity for growing younger and why?
- 4) As we look at ourselves, what are the main issues that we need to face up to during the third phase of LGL and why?
- 5) What would you like people outside the church family to be saying about your church in five years' time?

8. QUESTIONS

One question had been received, together with the answer, as set out in paper **(DS/19/05)**.

9. THE CLEWER INITIATIVE ON MODERN DAY SLAVERY

On behalf of the Bishop's Council, the Reverend Kelvin Woolmer (Bedford Deanery) and the Reverend Atalie Gaines (Barnet Deanery) gave a presentation on 'The Clewer Initiative on Modern Day Slavery'.

A link to the Clewer Initiative website is available at:
<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/15june2019/>