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All members of Diocesan Synod
(copies to Rural Deans, Lay Chairs and Secretaries of Deanery Synods who are not members of the Diocesan Synod)

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1) **DIOCESAN SYNOD**

The March session of the Diocesan Synod on Saturday 13 March will again take place via Zoom. Members may wish to consult the guidance on Zoom meetings issued for the previous meeting and available on our website [here](#). In particular, may I draw your attention to the third bullet point under section I to “use the chat function only to record your name at the start of the meeting, or if you have a technical problem, or problems with the ‘raise hand’ function and wish to speak”.

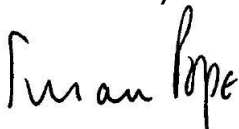
The final meeting of the Diocesan Synod in the current triennium will be held on Saturday 12 June 2021. Elections for the new Diocesan Synod, which takes office on 1 August 2021, will be held by the Houses of Clergy and Laity of Deanery Synods between 3 May and 17 July 2021. Members proposing to stand for re-election may like to know that the new Diocesan Synod will meet for the first time on Saturday, 16 October 2021 at the All Saints Academy, Dunstable. Meetings of the Synod in **2022** have provisionally been arranged as follows :-

Saturday 12 March
Saturday 11/18 June (tbc)
Saturday 15 October

2) **DIOCESAN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

All diocesan boards and committees (with the exception of the Diocesan Advisory Committee) remain in office until 31 December 2021. During the autumn of this year elections will be held for the new boards and committees which will take office on 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2024. Full details about nomination and election procedures will be circulated to all members of the new Diocesan Synod with the Preliminary Notice due out on 3 September 2021.

Yours sincerely



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