



**DIOCESE OF OXFORD**

Serving Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD  
and  
BOARD OF FINANCE**

**Notice of a meeting  
to be held at:**

**St Andrew's Church, Hatters Lane,  
High Wycombe HP13 7NH**

**On Saturday 12 March 2016**

**At 9.30 am**

**A G E N D A**

***Living Faith – our Purpose***

*To join with God in creating a caring, sustainable and growing Christian presence in every part of the Diocese of Oxford, enabling every Christian and every Christian community to live and share the love of God, seen in the life of Jesus Christ.*

## NOTES

- 1 The attention of members is drawn to the fact that under the Synod's Standing Orders:
  - a the period of notice for new business has expired, save for urgent or other specially important business included by direction of the President;
  - b notice of motions arising out of the business on the agenda and of amendments to motions must be received by the Secretary of the Synod (Diocesan Secretary) by **Friday 4 March 2016**.
  - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 4 March 2016**.
  - d speeches shall not exceed 5 minutes or, in the case of a member introducing a report or motion, 10 minutes.
- 2 The meeting will start at **9.30am** and is anticipated to finish by **1.10pm**.
- 3 Parking is available nearby, at Highcrest Community School. **We are asked not to park on the grass or on the road by the church.**
- 4 On arrival, members are asked to confirm their attendance by placing in the box provided either the slip included on the back page of this agenda or a card available from the reception desk.
- 5 Any apologies for absence should be made to the Clerk of the Synod, Caroline Todd, at Diocesan Church House. Email: [caroline.todd@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:caroline.todd@oxford.anglican.org)
- 6 Items may be taken earlier, but should not be taken later than the times indicated on the agenda.
- 7 When speaking, members are asked to come to the microphone, and to give their name and Synod number. There is an induction loop in the church.
- 8 Parish share receipts will be tabled for members' information, but are not on the agenda for discussion.
- 9 St Andrew's Bookshop will be providing a bookstall at the meeting.
- 10 There will be a stall from The Church of England's Children's Society for members to talk to their local representative, Rachel Brockie and source materials for their parishes.
- 11 The dates of the next meetings of the Synod are 18 June and 12 November 2016, all starting at 9.30 am at St Andrew's Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe HP13 7NH.

09.30      **1      OPENING WORSHIP AND DWELLING IN THE WORD**  
The Synod will begin with opening worship led by members of the Abingdon Deanery.

09.50      **2      NOTICES AND WELCOME**  
Including welcoming Andrew Anderson-Gear, Director of Mission

**3      MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 14th November 2015.

**4      QUESTIONS**

The deadline for questions to be received is Friday 4th March 2016.

10.00      **5      FINANCIAL UPDATE**  
An update from the Chair of the Board of Finance.

10.20      **6      DEANERY SYNOD MOTION** *Paper ODS 16.01*  
From the Wycombe Deanery.

*‘That this Synod invite the Archbishops to initiate a review into the role of the Crown Nominations Commission, including consideration of alternative methods of appointment for diocesan bishops’*

*Proposed by:* David Baldwin, Deanery Synod member Wycombe Deanery  
*Seconded by:* Ann Cartland, Deanery Synod member Wycombe Deanery

***BREAK (11.05 – 11.25)***

*Before returning to your seats you will be directed to deanery groups for the later discussion with General Synod members on the work of the General Synod at its February Sessions.*

11.25      **7      HALF A MILLION PEOPLE EVERY WEEK: MAKING THE MOST OF MISSION THROUGH WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & BAPTISMS.**

The Revd Canon Dr Sandra Millar  
Head of Projects and Developments, Church of England (Archbishops’ Council)

Over the past few years Archbishops’ Council has invested in wide research with the public and developed resources to support parish ministry to those who we met at key times in life, whether in celebration or sadness. This presentation will share the key themes that have emerged out of this research and share tools that will help engage those we meet with the good news of Jesus Christ.

12.20      **8      MATTERS FROM GENERAL SYNOD**      *Paper ODS 16.02*  
A chance to discuss matters raised at February's Sessions with a General Synod member and ask questions.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/general-synod/agendas-and-papers/february-2016-group-of-sessions.aspx>

12.45      **9      QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTIONS IN THE DEANERY**      *Paper ODS 16.03*  
Mr Charles Baker is presenting a proposed change to the Diocesan Scheme for quinquennial inspections.

*Mr Baker would welcome the opportunity to discuss any matters of concern with members before the meeting. He can be contacted on Tel: (01865) 400402 or Email: charlesfbaker@btinternet.com*

13.00      **10      REFLECTION**  
Mr John Smith, Deanery Synod Lay Chair (Sonning Deanery) will give a reflection on the morning's business.

13.05      **11      CLOSING PRAYERS**  
Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Dorchester.

*The meeting is scheduled to end by 1.10 pm.*