



**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 November 2016**

**At 09.15 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 November 2016**.
  - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 4 November 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 the earlier time of **09.15 am** and is anticipated to finish by **1.00pm**.
- 3 Parking is available nearby, at Highcrest Community School (HP13 7NQ) – Just a couple of Minutes' walk going right and down the hill to the church. **We are asked not to park on the grass or on the road by the church**. There are parking spaces directly outside the church for Blue Badge holders.
- 4 On arrival, members are asked to confirm their attendance by placing in the box provided either the slip included 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 PACT will be providing a stall to allow members to talk to their local representative, and source materials for their parishes.
- 10 The date of the next meeting of the Synod will be **Saturday 25 March 2017**, at 9.30 am at St Andrew's Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe HP13 7NH.  
**Future dates:** (All Saturdays), 17 June and 18 November 2017.

- 09.15      **1      OPENING WORSHIP**  
The Synod will begin with opening worship led by members of the Bicester Team Ministry in the Bicester & Islip Deanery.
- 09.30      **2      NOTICES AND WELCOME**
- 09.35      **3      PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**  
The Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford.
- 10.00      **4      A MEETING OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**Election of a Vice-Chair to the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (ODBF)**  
*[See separate Notice Paper]*

Following notice from Michael Hardman of his intention to stand down as Vice-Chair of the ODBF, after 15 years service in the role (November 2001), an election to appoint his successor will take place.

*The Synod will adjourn for the purpose of electing a new Vice-Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. Nomination papers are included with this agenda and if more than one candidate stands, a vote will take place on the day. The Synod will then reconvene.*

- 10.20      **5      MINUTES**  
Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016  
*(previously circulated).*

**6      QUESTIONS**

The deadline for questions to be received is **Friday 4 November 2016.**

- 10.25      **7      DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**      *Paper ODS 16.08*  
**THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT – WITHDRAWAL**

Revd Canon Sue Booy, on behalf of Bishop's Council to move the Motion below, withdrawing the Motion on the Anglican Communion Covenant agreed at Diocesan Synod in March 2012.

*"This Synod notes and expresses appreciation for the work of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Anglican Communion since his appointment, note that the following motion passed by the Diocesan Synod on 24 March 2012 is now out of date, and therefore rescind the said following motion and withdraw the request for it to be debated by the General Synod".*

*'This Diocesan Synod requests the General Synod to debate the following motion:*

*"That this Synod:*

*(a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;*

- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and*
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:*
- i. to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England's involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);*
  - ii. to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and*
- to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference.” ’*

10.35            **8      PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF ‘PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER’ (PACT)**

Mrs Jan Fishwick, Chief Executive, will present an overview of some of the current work of PACT and some of its projects. This will be followed by questions and comments.

11.15            **COFFEE BREAK**

11.35            **9      ELECTED LAY REPRESENTATION ON DEANERY SYNODS 2017–20**

*Paper ODS 16.09*

Mrs Judith Scott, Chair of the House of Laity, on behalf of the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee, to move:

*“That this Synod approves the use of the representation formula set out in paper ODS 16.09 for the election of parochial representatives of the laity to deanery synods in 2017.”*

11.45            **10     THE 2017 REVENUE BUDGET AND 2018/20 PROJECTIONS AND AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE, AND DEANERY SHARE APPORTIONMENT**

*Paper ODS 16.10*

A motion to approve and adopt the 2017 Budget, authorise expenditure, request a net contribution from deanery share apportionment and note projections for 2018-2020.

*The Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to move:*

*“That this Synod..*

- a) Approves and adopts the 2017 budget as set out below and in the accompanying papers;*
- b) Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2017 a sum not exceeding the following net amounts:*

| BUDGET HEAD |                                     | AMOUNT (£000s) | Note |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------|
|             | <u>Net Revenue Costs</u>            |                |      |
| 1           | Parish Ministry                     | 14,222         |      |
| 2           | Diocesan Administration and Finance | 468            | 1    |
| 3           | Mission in the Diocese              | 3,054          |      |
| 4           | National Church Responsibilities    | 1,055          |      |
| 5           | Transfers to Unrestricted Reserves  | 14             |      |
|             | <i>Total Net Revenue Costs</i>      | 18,813         |      |
|             | <u>Funded by</u>                    |                |      |
| 6           | Net Parish Share (see c) below)     | 18,813         |      |
|             | <u>Capital Costs</u>                |                |      |
| 7           | General Fund Expenditure            | 33             |      |
| 8           | Capital Transactions – Houses       | -              | 2    |
| 9           | Loan Transactions                   | -              | 3    |

- c) requests that such expenditure be financed in part by deanery share apportionments for 2017 based on the figure of £18,813k being net of allowances for rebates and under-collection (Head 6);
- d) notes, in the accompanying papers, the projections of income and expenditure for 2018 to 2020.”

#### Notes

- 1 Gross Administration and Finance £781k, less income from investments and trusts £313k, net £468k.
- 2 2017 budget for Capital Transactions – Houses is a net cash inflow so no vote is required.
- 3 No funds need be voted for loan transactions as these are funded by the CBF.

## 12.10 11 DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORK OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Paper ODS 16.11

Anne Davey, Director of Education, and Bishop Alan, Chair of the Board of Education, will present an update on the work with schools within the diocese.

## 12.50 12 UPDATE ON LEAD THEFTS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Mr Charles Baker will give a verbal update on the current situation of lead thefts in the archdeaconries.

## 12.55 13 REFLECTION

Mrs Caroline Kalipetis, Bracknell Deanery, will give a reflection on the morning's business.

## 13.00 14 CLOSING PRAYERS

Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Oxford.  
The meeting is scheduled to end about 1.00 pm.