



OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD

and

BOARD OF FINANCE

at

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

A G E N D A

Saturday 14 November 2015

9.15 am

(Please note earlier start to allow for elections before the Synod meeting)

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 6 November;
 - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 6 November;
 - 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 **9.15am** and is anticipated to finish by **1.00pm**.
- 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 Secretary of the Synod, Rosemary Pearce, at Diocesan Church House.
- 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 Copies of the 2016 diocesan calendar will be available for collection.
- 10 St Andrew's Bookshop will be providing a bookstall at the meeting.
- 11 The dates of the next meetings of the Synod are 12 March, 18 June and 12 November 2016, all starting at 9.30 am at St Andrew's Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe HP13 7NH.

09.15 **MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE**

Notice Paper

Members of the Diocesan Board of Finance will meet to elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman

MEETING OF THE HOUSES OF CLERGY AND LAITY

The Houses of Clergy and Laity will then meet to elect Chairs of their respective Houses, who also serve as Vice-Chairman of the Diocesan Synod.

Notice Paper

COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE ODBF

The Bishop of Dorchester will commission those serving in the coming triennium.

09.35 1 **OPENING WORSHIP AND DWELLING IN THE WORD**

The Synod will begin as soon as possible after the elections and commissioning, with opening worship led by members of the Amersham Deanery.

10.00 2 **NOTICES AND WELCOME**

3 **INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW GENERAL SYNOD MEMBERS**

4 **PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON No 35**

5 **PROMULGATION OF A NEW ACT OF CONVOCATION RELATED TO THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE CLERGY**

10.15 6 **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

The Bishop of Dorchester will give a Presidential Address.

10.35 7 **MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 20th June 2015.

8 **QUESTIONS**

The deadline for questions to be received is Friday 6th November 2015.

BREAK (10.45 – 11.05)

11.05 9 **RESOURCING THE MISSION OF THE DIOCESE: PLANNING AND PRIORITIES THROUGH THE ARCHDEACONRIES**

The Archdeacons will give a presentation. **The archdeaconry plans are available at <http://www.oxford.anglican.org/atoz/a/>**

11.50 10 **AN INTRODUCTION TO DIOCESAN FINANCES BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOLLOWED BY APPROVAL OF 2016 REVENUE BUDGET AND 2017/19 PROJECTIONS, AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE AND DEANERY SHARE APPORTIONMENT** ODS15.12

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

“That this Synod –

- a Approves and adopts the 2016 budget set out below and in the accompanying papers;*
- b Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2016 a sum not exceeding the following net amounts;*

Budget Head		Amount (£000s)	Note
	Net Revenue Costs		
1	Parish Ministry	14,018	
2	Diocesan Administration and Finance	436	1
3	Mission in the Diocese	2,881	
4	National Church Responsibilities	1,021	
5	Transfers to Unrestricted Reserves	75	
	Total Net Revenue Costs	18,431	
	Funded by		
6	Net Parish Share (see c below)	18,431	
	Capital Costs		
7	General Fund Expenditure	58	
8	Capital Transaction – Houses	-	2
9	Loan Transactions	-	3

- c Requests that such expenditure be financed in part by deanery share apportionments for 2016 based on the figure of £18,431K being net of allowances for rebates and under-collection (Head 6);*
- d Notes, in the accompanying papers, the projections of income and expenditure for 2017 to 2019.”*

Notes

- 1 *Gross administration and finance £736K, less income from investments and trusts £300K, net £436K.*
- 2 *2016 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.*

12.20 11 **UPDATE ON THE MOVE OF THE DIOCESAN OFFICES**

There will be a short presentation on the progress of the move and the new facilities

12.35 12 **REFLECTION**

The Revd Skye Denno will give a reflection on the morning's business.

13 **CLOSING PRAYERS**

Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Dorchester.

The meeting is scheduled to end by 12.45 a.m.