



OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD

and

BOARD OF FINANCE

at

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

AGENDA

Saturday 20 June 2015

9.30 am

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. the deadline for receipt of Deanery Synod and Private Members' Motions has passed;
 - c. 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 12 June;
 - d. notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 12 June;
 - e. 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 1.00pm.
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. Attendance cards will be provided on arrival; members are asked to complete these and place them in the box at the registration desk.
5. Any apologies for absence should be made to the Secretary of the Synod, Rosemary Pearce, at Diocesan Church House.
6. Agenda timings are indicative. Items may be taken earlier, but should not be taken later than the time indicated.
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. The dates of the next meetings of the Synod are 14 November 2015 and 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. An Induction Session for the new Synod will take place during the late afternoon and evening of 9th September 2015 in Oxford

9.30

1. OPENING WORSHIP

The meeting will begin with “Dwelling in the Word” led by the Milton Keynes Deanery

2. NOTICES AND WELCOME

3. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 21st March 2015.

4. QUESTIONS

The deadline for questions to be received is Friday 12 June 2015.

9.55

5. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

10.10

6. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARDS, COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES **ODS15.6**

Simon Richards, on behalf of the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee, to present the reports and move:

“That this Synod take note of the reports listed in paper ODS 15.6”

This motion will be voted on without debate unless a member of the Synod has given two days’ notice in writing to the Secretary that they wish to debate the motion in respect of any such report. In that event, the Chair or other member of the body in question will move the motion which shall be open to debate.

- a) Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee
- b) Financial Report to Synod
- c) Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches
- d) Diocesan Communications and *The Door*
- e) Diocesan Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- f) Diocesan Committee for Interfaith Concerns
- g) Diocesan Board of Education
- h) Diocesan Glebe and Buildings Committees
- i) Diocesan Board of Mission
- j) Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee
- k) Diocesan Mothers’ Union
- l) Parents and Children Together (PACT)
- m) Diocesan Council for Partnership in World Mission
- n) Diocesan Board of Patronage
- o) Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited

10.20

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE :

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March 2015 Minutes**

Synod will adjourn for the Annual General Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (see separate agenda and papers). The Synod will then reconvene.

10.35

8. OUTLINE REVENUE BUDGET 2016, PROJECTIONS 2017-19 AND DRAFT DEANERY SHARE APPORTIONMENT ODS 15.7

The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move:

“That this Synod take note of paper ODS 15.7”

COFFEE (11.00–11.20)

11.20

9. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BUILDINGS COMMITTEE ODS 15.8

Mr Robin Birch CB DL, Chair of the Buildings Committee to move *“That this Synod approve the revised constitution of the Buildings Committee set out in paper ODS 15.8”*

11.30

10. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DIOCESAN MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE (DMPC) ODS15.9

The Bishop of Dorchester, Chair of the DMPC, to move

“That this Synod approve the revised constitution of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee set out in paper ODS 15.9)”

11.45

11. NEW COMMUNITIES ODS15.10

The Archdeacon of Oxford, Chair of the New Communities Group, Peter Morgan, New Communities Development Officer and the Revd John Bentley will discuss the current planning position and opportunities for mission in areas of significant new housing.

12.35

12. ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION ODS15.11

The Chair of the Board, the Bishop of Buckingham, will present the Annual Report and Accounts and move

“That this Synod take note of the report set out in paper ODS 15.11”

12.45

13. FAREWELLS

12.50

14. REFLECTION

John Sykes, Lay Chair of Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery (check) will reflect on the morning’s business

12.55

15. CLOSING PRAYERS

The Bishop of Dorchester will close the meeting with prayer

The meeting is scheduled to end by 1.00 p.m.