



**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 21 June 2014**

**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 13 June;
  - d. notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 13 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 1.15pm.
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. St Andrew's Bookshop will be providing a bookstall at the meeting.
10. The dates of the next meetings of the Synod are 15 November 2014 and 21 March, 20 June and 14 November 2015, all starting at 9.30 am at St Andrew's Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe HP13 7NH.

9.30

**1. OPENING WORSHIP**

The meeting will begin with worship led by the Director of Mission.

**2. NOTICES AND WELCOME**

**3. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 22 March 2014.

**4. QUESTIONS**

The deadline for questions to be received is Friday 13 June 2014.

9.50

**5. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARDS, COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES** **ODS 14.7**

Revd Andrew Marsden, 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 14.7.”*

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

**6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE** **AGM Agenda and 2013 Minutes**

The 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.

10.05

**7. 2014 OUTLINE REVENUE BUDGET AND DEANERY SHARE APPORTIONMENT** **ODS 14.8**

The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move:

*“That this Synod take note of paper ODS 14.8.”*

10.35

**8. ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION** **ODS 14.9**

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

10.50

**9. AMENDMENT OF DEANERY SYNOD RULES** **ODS 14.10**

The Chair of the House of Laity to move:

*“That this Synod approve the revisions to the Rules for Deanery Synods set out in paper ODS 14.10.”*

*COFFEE (11.00–11.20)*

11.20

**10. INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM** **ODS 14.11**

Revd Canon Dr Michael Beasley, Director of Mission, will introduce small-group discussion of issues around intentional evangelism and the ‘Seven Disciplines of Evangelisation’.

12.35

**11. PARISH FOCUS**

Presentation by the Revd Canon Andrew Blyth, Vicar of Walton Holy Trinity (Aylesbury deanery).

12.45

**12. REFLECTION AND CLOSING PRAYERS**

The Bishop of Oxford will lead an extended reflection and closing prayers.

*The meeting is scheduled to end by 1.15pm.*