



**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 March 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. 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 March;
  - c. notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 13 March;
  - 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 1pm.
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. St Andrew's Bookshop will be providing a bookstall at the meeting.
10. The dates of the next meetings of the Synod are 20 June and 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.

**1. DWELLING IN THE WORD**

The meeting will begin with worship led by Revd Canon Adrian Daffern.

**2. NOTICES AND WELCOME**

**3. PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANONS  
NOS. 32 & 33**

**4. MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 15 November 2014.

**5. QUESTIONS**

The deadline for questions to be received is Friday 13 March 2015.

10.00

**6. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

The Bishop of Dorchester will give a presidential address.

10.20

**7. CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL ANNUAL REPORT ODS 15.1**

Revd Canon Edmund Newey will present the report and take questions.

10.30

**8. UPDATE ON WORK OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, ODS 15.2  
INCLUDING CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION**

Presentation by the Bishop of Buckingham, Chair of the Board, and Mrs Anne Davey, Director of Education.

The Bishop of Buckingham then to move:

*“That this Synod approve the revised constitution of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education set out in paper ODS 15.2.”*

10.45

**9. DIOCESAN OFFICE ACCOMMODATION ODS 15.3**

Presentation on behalf of Bishop’s Council on future plans.

*COFFEE (11.05–11.25)*

11.25

**10. INTER-FAITH RELATIONS IN GLOBAL CONTEXT ODS 15.4**

The Archdeacon of Oxford will introduce discussion of interfaith issues as they affect the Diocese, in the context of the current global situation.

**11. OXFORD DIOCESAN COMMITTEE FOR INTERFAITH CONCERNS ODS 15.5**

The Archdeacon of Oxford, Chair of the Committee, to move:

*“That this Synod approve the revised constitution of the Oxford Diocesan Committee for Interfaith Concerns set out in paper ODS 15.5, including the change of name to the ‘Committee for Interfaith Relations’.”*

12.15

**12. FINANCIAL YEAR-END RESULTS AND SHARE SCHEME UPDATE**

Revd John Tattersall, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, will report on the developing out-turn for 2014 and on progress on the review of elements of the share scheme.

**13. MEETING OF DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE**

The Synod will adjourn for a meeting of the Diocesan Board of Finance (see separate agenda and papers). The Synod will then reconvene.

12.45

**14. REFLECTION**

The Archdeacon of Dorchester will reflect on the morning's business.

**15. CLOSING PRAYERS**

Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Dorchester.

*The meeting is scheduled to end by 1pm.*

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***ATTENDANCE SLIP***

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