



DIOCESE OF OXFORD

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**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 18 March 2017

At 09.00 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 10 March 2017**.
 - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 10 March 2017**.
 - 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 **09.00 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 from 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
- 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. There is also an Update on Renewal & Reform (GS MISC 1150) for information, as presented at the February Group of Sessions.
- 9 There will be an opportunity to see a display and sample some fair trade products during the morning. Maranda St John Nicolle, World Development Adviser, will be available to talk to members.
- 10 The date of the next meeting of the Synod will be **Saturday 17 June 2017**, at 9.30 am at St Andrew's Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe HP13 7NH.
Future dates: Saturday 18 November 2017.

09.00 **1 OPENING WORSHIP**

The Synod will begin with opening worship led by members of the Maidenhead & Windsor Deanery.

09.20 **2 NOTICES AND WELCOME**

09.25 **3 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

The Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford.

09.40 **4 MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 12th November 2016 (*previously circulated*).

5 QUESTIONS

The deadline for questions to be received is **Friday 10 March 2017**.

09.45 **6 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE DEAN *Paper ODS 17.12***
AND CANONS OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OXFORD,
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016

The Very Reverend Professor Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church on behalf of the Cathedral will speak about the Cathedral's recent activities and future plans. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

10.05 **7 GENERAL SYNOD MATTERS**

Paper ODS 17.13
[GS Agenda & GS 2055]

A General Synod Representative will give a summary report on matters from the February Group of Sessions. This will be followed by a reflection on the Human Sexuality discussions. There will be an opportunity to hear from a panel of General Synod members and for Diocesan Synod members to ask questions and reflect on the discussions.

10.50 **8 DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING POLICIES AND PRACTICE *Paper ODS 17.14***

The Diocesan Secretary, Canon Rosemary Pearce will give background to the papers as presented.

Mrs Judith Scott, on behalf of the Bishop's Council to move:

"That this Synod...

Adopts the safeguarding policies as set out in the accompanying papers as recommended by the Bishop's Council".

11.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.20 **9 “SETTING GOD’S PEOPLE FREE”**

*Paper ODS 17.15
[GS 2056]*

A Report from the National Lay Leadership Task Group

Mr Matthew Frost, who chaired the working group will address Diocesan Synod. This will be followed by a group session to discuss:

- a) What can we learn from this report? and
- b) How can we work with the ideas in our deanery and the diocese?

There will then be time for debate.

12.20 **10 OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE – YEAR END RESULTS**

Revd John Tattersall, Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance will give a verbal update on the financial year end results for 2016.

12.40 **12 FAIR TRADE CHURCHES – Verbal Update**

Maranda St. John Nicolle, World Development Adviser, will give a report on the Fair Trade Foundation’s plans for re-launch.

12.50 **13 REFLECTION**

The Revd Claire Wood will give a reflection on the morning’s business.

12.55 **14 CLOSING PRAYERS**

Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Oxford.

The meeting is scheduled to end by 1.00 pm.