

OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD
Diocesan Synod Agenda
Saturday 20 March 2021

This meeting will be held via zoom. (*Details of how to join can be found in the notes section*)

AGENDA

Time	Item	Mins
09:15	Welcome and Opening Worship	20
09:35	Notices	5
09:40	Welcome to Bishop Designate , The Venerable Gavin Collins The Bishop of Oxford	5
09:45	Promulgation of Amending Canons 40 and 41 , which were enacted at the February 2020 group of sessions (<i>The Bishop of Oxford, The Rt. Revd Dr Steven Croft</i>) (Verbal) A copy of the amending canon 40 , 41 and Instrument of Enactment can be viewed on request. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 14 November 2020 (<i>previously circulated</i>) Questions under S.O(70) <i>See note 4(c)</i>	5
09:50	Presidential Address and response The Bishop of Oxford	25
10:15	New Congregations <i>Paper ODS 21.01</i> <i>The Venerable Jonathan Chaffey, Archdeacon of Oxford, will give background and update the Synod on the vision behind the new congregations work and progress so far across the diocese.</i> <i>There will be an opportunity to view a short film highlighting some of the work as well as time for group discussion and then plenary debate.</i> The Chair to move: 'That this Synod takes Note of Paper ODS 21.01'	40
10:55	COFFEE BREAK	15
11:10	Diocesan Synod Motion on Work <i>Paper ODS 21.02</i> <i>The Bishop of Oxford, The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft to present a Motion introduced in his Presidential Address in November on the future quality and quantity of work in our society.</i> Motion: 'That this Synod:	45

	<p><i>‘mindful of the deep economic effects of the pandemic, the impacts of new technology, and the global rise of new forms of working--</i></p> <p><i>(a) affirm the dignity and value of purposeful work as a significant component of human flourishing</i></p> <p><i>(b) endorse and commend the five principles used for evaluating fair and dignified platform work in the gig economy by Fair.work and</i></p> <p><i>(c) calls for the Faith and Order Commission (FAOC) together with Mission and Public Affairs Committee to advise on what is essential to purposeful, dignified, and fair work in the context of the fourth industrial revolution now in progress.’</i></p>	
11.55	<p>Deanery Synod Rules <i>Paper ODS 21.03(a)</i></p> <p><i>Revised in accordance with new regulations from Church Representation Rules 2020, a number of amendments have been incorporated into the document to reflect the changes made to Deanery Synod Rules (as updated by the Diocesan Registrar 2020). These were approved by the Bishop’s Council in December 2020 and recommended for approval to the Diocesan Synod.</i></p> <p>The Revd Canon Sue Booy will update the Synod on the changes proposed in paper ODS 21.03 and move that:</p> <p>‘This Synod approves the changes to Deanery Synod Rules as set out in paper ODS 21.03’</p> <p>Diocesan Standing Orders and Articles of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (ODBF)</p> <p>Standing Orders of the Diocesan Synod <i>Paper ODS 21.03(b)</i></p> <p>The Revd Canon Sue Booy will update the Synod on the changes proposed in the attached paper.</p> <p>Following the presentation of the item, The Revd Canon Sue Booy, on behalf of the Bishop’s Council, to move that:</p> <p><i>‘This Synod approves the changes to Standing Orders of the Diocesan Synod as set out in paper ODS 21.03’</i></p> <p>EGM of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance</p> <p><i>See separate notice paper and agenda (with attached Articles)</i></p> <p>Synod will adjourn for an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to consider the following special resolution:</p> <p><i>‘That with effect from the conclusion of the meeting the amended articles of association attached to the Notice of the meeting be adopted as the articles of association of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance’</i></p> <p>The Synod will then reconvene.</p>	20

12.15	Cathedral Annual Report and accounts for year ended 31 July 2020 <i>Paper 21.04</i> <p>The Revd Canon Richard Peers, Sub-Dean of Christ Church Cathedral will present the report and accounts and an overview of some of the current work of the cathedral and future plans.</p> <p>There will be a brief opportunity for questions.</p>	10
12.25	Financial Year End results of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance <i>(Verbal)</i> <p>The Revd John Tattersall, Chair of the Board of Finance will give a verbal update on the financial out-turn for the Year ended 31st December 2020.</p> <p>There will be a brief opportunity for questions.</p>	10
12.35	Matters from the General Synod Group of Sessions – November 2020 and February 2021 <p>The Revd Canon Jeff West, a member of General Synod will talk briefly about some of the issues on the agenda at the recent virtual meetings of the General Synod. You can review Business Done for November 2020 and Agenda for Feb 2021 Group of Sessions (<i>Saturday 27 February – not available</i>)</p>	5
12.40	Farewell to Revd Canon John Rees – Registrar to the Diocese <p>The Bishop of Oxford</p>	10
12:50	Reflection <p>Dr Bethany Sollereeder will give a short reflection on the morning's business.</p>	
	Closing Prayer <p>The Bishop of Oxford will conclude with a blessing.</p>	
13.00	Close	

NOTES:

1.	Any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Diocesan Secretary via the Clerk of the Synod, Caroline Todd, at Diocesan Church House. Email: synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org	
2.	HOW TO JOIN <p>Diocese of Oxford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. On arrival, please wait to be admitted.</p> <p>Diocese of Oxford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Diocesan Synod (09.15 - 13.00). Please arrive 5 minutes beforehand. Date: Saturday March 20th, 2021 <i>Note: for security reasons the link has been removed from this item. Members should refer to the version sent via email on 26.02.21</i></p>	
3.	On arrival, members will be asked to wait to be admitted from the waiting room.	
4.	The attention of members is drawn to the fact that under the Synod's Standing Orders:	

	<p>a) the period of notice for new business has expired, save for urgent or other especially important business included by direction of the President;</p> <p>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 (the Diocesan Secretary) by Friday 12 March 2021.</p> <p>c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 12 March 2021.</p> <p>Email: diosec@oxford.anglican.org copied to synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org. Please ensure any amendments raised or questions have been acknowledged as received safely.</p>	
5.	<p>Being mindful that this is a formal gathering of the Synod and Standing Orders apply, when wishing to speak, members are asked to raise their hand using the 'raise hand' function button found in the 'reactions' on the bottom bar. Please give your name and number if known, or Deanery or relevant position. The Chair will invite members to speak in order and determine length of speech.</p> <p>During the meeting we would respectfully encourage members not to use the 'chat' function to communicate with 'everyone' during debate. All questions and comments should be directed through the Chair for the relevant items using the 'raise hand' function as above.</p> <p>Only Synod members are permitted to speak except by permission of the Chair. Members will be kept on mute except when invited to speak and are asked to keep contributions brief to maximise the number of people who can speak.</p>	

Diocesan Synod – Future meeting dates	
2021	
Saturday 19 th June	Venue tbc
Monday 27 th September (4-9pm)	New Triennium Induction (for ALL members) St Aldates Church Oxford Followed by Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral
Saturday 13 th November	First meeting of new triennium following elections