

## Oxford Diocesan Synod

**Saturday 14 June 2025**

Holy Trinity Church, Hazlemere HP15 7PZ

## AGENDA

Item	Time	Item	Mins
1.	<b>09.15</b>	<b>Worship, including Dwelling in the Word</b>	20
2.	<b>09.35</b>	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b> of meeting held on 8 March 2025 (previously circulated).</p> <p><b>Notices</b></p> <p><b>Proclamation of Act of General Synod:</b> Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 as amended</p> <p><b>Questions</b> under S.0(70) A written response will be available to questions received.</p>	15
3.	<b>09.50</b>	<p><b>Presidential Address</b> The Rt. Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford followed by any response</p>	25
4.	<b>10.15</b>	<p><b>Finance: Draft Budget 2026 and Share Apportionment</b> Paper ODS 25.4 The Chair of the Board of Finance, Sir Hector Sants, will introduce the item. There will be an opportunity for questions.</p> <p>The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move: <i>'That this Synod takes note of paper ODS 25.4'</i></p>	25
5.	<b>10.40</b>	<p><b>Annual Report and Accounts of the ODBE</b> Paper ODS 25.5 The report will be introduced by Dr Felix Leach, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, and Mr Tony Wilson, Diocesan Director of Education, who will give a short presentation.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity for questions.</p> <p>The Chair to move: <i>'That this Synod take note of the draft annual report and accounts of the Diocesan Board of Education'</i>.</p>	15

6.	<b>10.55</b>	<b>AGM of ODBF</b> Synod will adjourn for the Annual General Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (see the separate agenda and papers). The Synod will then reconvene.	5
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	20
7.	<b>11.20</b>	<b>Living in Love and Faith</b> Paper ODS 25.6 This item will be co-facilitated by Bishop Mary and Bishop Dave and will include presentation, time for table discussion and an opportunity for questions and comments, but it will not be a formal debate.	85
8.	<b>12.45</b>	<b>Annual Review of the Diocese of Oxford</b> Paper ODS 25.7 The annual review approved by Bishop's Council will be introduced by a member of Bishop's Council and there will be an opportunity for questions or comments. The Chair to move: 'That this Synod take note of the Annual Review of the Diocese of Oxford'.	7
9.	<b>12.52</b>	<b>Reflection</b> ( <i>Archdeacon Guy</i> )  <b>Blessing</b> ( <i>Bishop Steven</i> )	8
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Lunch (provided)</b>	

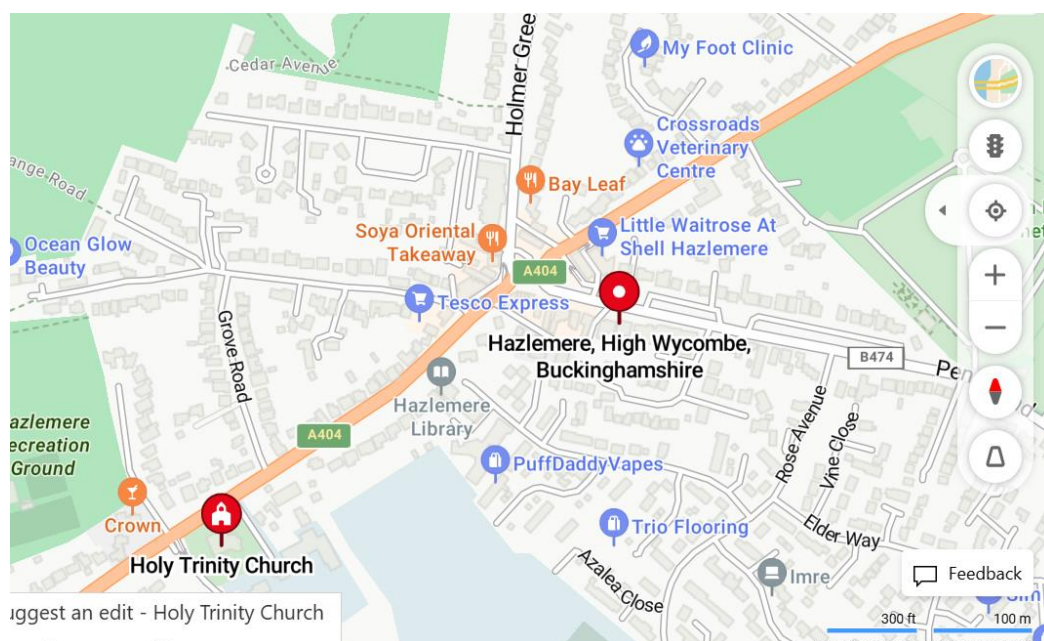
### Dates of future meetings

The next meeting of the Diocesan Synod will take place on zoom on Saturday 15 November 2025

2026 meetings will be held as follows: 7 March 2026 (venue tbc) 13 June 2026 (zoom) 14 November 2026 (zoom)

<b>Notes</b>	
<p><b>IMPORTANT: Please can you advise the Clerk of the Synod at Church House: <a href="mailto:synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org">synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org</a> by Thursday 5 June 2024, with dietary requirements as appropriate, if you will be attending this meeting (and if you will not then be able to stay for lunch). It is very difficult to avoid wasted food if we do not receive this information.</b></p>	
<p><u>Joining Instructions</u></p> <p><b>The Synod will be held in person at Holy Trinity Church, 262 Amersham Rd, Hazlemere, High Wycombe HP15 7PZ on Saturday 14 June 2025.</b></p> <p>Please arrive from 8.45am for a 9.15am start. The Synod will finish with a sandwich lunch at 1pm (finishing by 2pm).</p> <p><u>Parking and transport options</u></p>	

In line with Diocesan environmental principles, it would be very helpful if attendees consider all available options for travel including car sharing wherever possible: • [Times & maps - Carousel Buses](#) provides details of buses to and from High Wycombe. • car parking is available at both the venue (HP15 7PZ) and (sometimes) at the Hazlemere Recreation Ground (HP15 7QW) just along on the other side of the Amersham Road. Additional parking can also be found on Beaumont Way (which is the left turn after the Bay Leaf on Holmer Green Road – see map below). Parking at the church is limited so if you require a parking space there for medical reasons, please let us know in advance and we will then hold a space for you. It would be very much appreciated if all those able to walk from Beaumont Way pick this option.



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 especially 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 (the Diocesan Secretary) **by Friday 6 June 2025.**
- c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod **by Friday 6 June 2025.**

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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. 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.

Only Synod members are permitted to speak except by permission of the Chair. Members are asked to keep contributions brief to maximise the number of people who can speak.