

**OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD
and
BOARD OF FINANCE**

A G E N D A



**Notice of a meeting
to be held at:**

**St Andrew's Church, Hatters Lane,
High Wycombe HP13 7NH**

**On Saturday 18 November 2017
At 09.15 am**

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 November 2017**.
 - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 10 November 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 **09.15 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 going right and down the hill to 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 in advance of the meeting 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.
- 9 There will be an opportunity to purchase copies of the 'Exploring the Beatitudes' booklet (A three-session course for small groups in the Diocese of Oxford).
- 10 The date of the next meeting of the Synod will be **Saturday 17 March 2018**
Future dates: (Both Saturdays), 16 June and 17 November 2018.

- 09.15 **1 OPENING WORSHIP**
The Synod will begin with opening worship led by members of the Woodstock Deanery.
- 09.35 **2 NOTICES AND WELCOME**
- 09.40 **3 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
The Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford.
- 09.55 **4 MINUTES**
Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 17th June 2017 (*previously circulated*).
- 5 QUESTIONS**
The deadline for questions to be received is **Friday 10 November 2017**.
- 10.00 **6 A COMMON VISION** – Update from the Bishop of Oxford with an opportunity to discuss feedback from members.
- 10.45 **7 UPDATE ON THE DIOCESAN LINK SUMMIT WITH KIMBERLEY AND KURUMAN** September 2017
The Venerable Olivia Graham, Archdeacon of Berkshire
- 10.55 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.15 **8 THE 2018 REVENUE BUDGET AND 2019/21 PROJECTIONS AND AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE, AND DEANERY SHARE APPORTIONMENT**

Paper ODS 17.20

A motion to approve and adopt the 2018 Budget, authorise expenditure, request a net contribution from deanery share apportionment and note projections for 2019-2021.

The Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to move:

“That this Synod..

- a) Approves and adopts the 2018 budget as set out below and in the accompanying papers;*
- b) Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2018 a sum not exceeding the following net amounts:*

BUDGET HEAD		AMOUNT (£000s)	Note
	<u>Net Revenue Costs</u>		
1	Parish Ministry	14,229	
2	Diocesan Administration and Finance	521	1
3	Mission in the Diocese	3,097	
4	National Church Responsibilities	1,095	
5	Transfers to Unrestricted Reserves	104	
	<i>Total Net Revenue Costs</i>	19,046	
	<u>Funded by</u>		
6	Net Parish Share (see c) below)	19,046	
	<u>Capital Costs</u>		
7	General Fund Expenditure	23	
8	Capital Transactions – Houses	-	2
9	Loan Transactions	-	

- c) *Requests that such expenditure be financed in part by deanery share apportionments for 2018 based on the figure of £19,046k being net of allowances for rebates and under-collection (Head 6);*
- d) *Notes, in the accompanying papers, the projections of income and expenditure for 2019 to 2021.”*

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1 *Gross Administration and Finance £830k, less income from investments and trusts £309k, net £521k.*

2 *2018 budget for Capital Transactions – Houses is a net cash inflow so no vote is required.*

12.00 **9 MATTERS FROM THE GENERAL SYNOD GROUP OF SESSIONS – JULY 2017**
GS Agenda Paper ODS 17.21

Sir Tony Baldry, General Synod member, will provide a briefing on matters from the General Synod with an opportunity to ask questions.

12.15 **10 GENEROUS GIVING**

A presentation from the Generous Giving Adviser in the Diocese of Oxford, Mr Jonathan Farnhill followed by a chance for questions.

12.45 **11 REFLECTION**

The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones, will give a reflection on the morning's business.

12.55 **12 CLOSING PRAYERS**

Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Oxford.

The meeting is scheduled to end about 1.00 pm.