



**DIOCESE OF OXFORD**

Serving Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**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 17 June 2017**

**At 09.15 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 9 June 2017**.
  - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 9 June 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 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](mailto: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 The date of the next meeting of the Synod will be **Saturday 18 November 2017**, at 9.15 am at St Andrew's Church, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe HP13 7NH.

**Future dates:** Saturday 17 March, 16 June and 17 November 2018.

09.15 **1 OPENING WORSHIP**

The Synod will begin with opening worship led by members of the Claydon Deanery.

09.35 **2 NOTICES AND WELCOME**

**3 MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (*previously circulated*).

**Matter arising**

**4 QUESTIONS**

The deadline for questions to be received is **Friday 9 June 2017**.

09.45 **5 “TOWARDS A COMMON VISION”**

*Paper ODS 17.16 (Paper to follow)*

Bishop Steven and others to present.

*An exploration of ideas coming out of the diocesan leadership conference addressing the two questions:*

- What kind of Church are we called to be at this time?
- And (in the light of this), what are we therefore called to do together?

11.20 **COFFEE BREAK**

*The Synod will adjourn for the Annual General Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (see separate agenda and papers). The Synod will then reconvene on conclusion of business.*

11.40 **6 AGM OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE**

*Papers AGM Agenda and 2016 Minutes  
Annual Report and Accounts 2016*

11.45 **7 2016 SYNOD REPORTS**

*Paper ODS 17.17*

Mr James Macnamara on behalf of the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee, to present the reports and move:

*“That this Synod take note of the reports listed in paper ODS 17.17”*

This motion will be voted on without debate unless a member of the Synod has given two days’ notice in writing to the Secretary that they wish to debate the motion in respect of any

such report. In that event, the Chair or other member of the body in question will move the motion which shall be open to debate.

- a) Bishop's Council and Standing Committee
- b) Financial Report to Synod
- c) Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches
- d) Diocesan Communications
- e) Diocesan Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- f) Diocesan Committee for Interfaith Relations
- g) Diocesan Board of Education
- h) Diocesan Glebe and Buildings Committee
- i) Diocesan Board of Mission
- j) Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee
- k) Diocesan Mothers' Union
- l) Parents and Children Together (PACT)
- m) Diocesan Council for Partnership in World Mission
- n) Diocesan Board of Patronage
- o) Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited.

**12.00 8 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE OXFORD  
DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Paper ODS 17.18*

The Chair of the Board, the Bishop of Buckingham, will present the Annual Report and Accounts and move

*"That this Synod take note of the report set out in paper ODS 17.18"*

**12.15 9 DRAFT BUDGET 2018 AND PARISH SHARE APPORTIONMENT**

*Paper ODS 17.19*

The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move:

*"That this Synod takes note of paper ODS 17.19"*

**12.45 10 REFLECTION**

Mr Graeme Slocombe, Wycombe Deanery, will give a reflection on the morning's business.

**12.50 11 CLOSING PRAYERS**

Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Oxford.

*The meeting is scheduled to end by 1.00 pm.*