



**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD  
and  
BOARD OF FINANCE**

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

**Saturday 17 March 2018**

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

## 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 March 2018**.
  - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 9 March 2018**.
  - 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](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 The date of the next meeting of the Synod will be **Saturday 16 June 2018**  
**Future date:** 17 November 2018.

# AGENDA



0915 **1 OPENING WORSHIP**

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

0935 **2 NOTICES AND WELCOME**

0940 **3 PROCLAMATION OF AMENDING CANONS NOS. 36 & 37**

**4 MINUTES**

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

**5 QUESTIONS**

The deadline for questions to be received is **Friday 9 March 2018**.

0950 **6 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

The Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford.

1010 **7 DIOCESAN SYNOD AMENDED MOTION**

**ODS 18.01**

The Revd Darrell Hannah will set out the reasons for amending the Motion passed from the Diocesan Synod to the General Synod for consideration in 2014.

The Revd John Tattersall, Chair of the Diocesan Board of the Diocesan Board of Finance, on behalf of Bishop's Council and Standing Committee to move:

“That this Synod:

(a) welcome:

(i) the worldwide agreement in Paris in December 2015 to hold “the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to pursue “efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels”, requiring significant action “by 2020”;

(ii) the National Investment Bodies (NIBs) divesting from the most polluting fossil fuels, the establishment of the Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI), and the prominence given to responding to climate

change by the Church Commissioners in their 2016-17 Annual Report;

(b) note the three-year review, due in 2018, of the NIBs' policy on climate change and ethical investment which Synod welcomed in 2015; and

(c) call on the NIBs:

(i) to engage urgently and robustly with all fossil fuel companies, in which the NIBs have holdings; with the expectation that, if any company has not aligned their business investment plans with the Paris Agreement target of a global average temperature rise well below 2°C, the NIBs would disinvest from such a company by 2020;

(ii) to reduce to the minimum possible level the revenue threshold for disinvestment from companies involved in the extraction of thermal coal and the production of oil from tar sands;

(iii) to increase substantially their holdings in the renewable energy sector and other low carbon technologies, and encourage other investors to do the same; and

(d) request the EIAG and NIBs to report to Synod in 2019 on progress, with a timetable for rapid continuing action."

1040 **8 A COMMON VISION**  
Update from the Bishop of Oxford

**1100 COFFEE BREAK**

1120 **9 DIOCESAN SYNOD – FUTURE MEETINGS**  
An opportunity to consider how the Synod's work in the new triennium can reflect the call to be a more contemplative, compassionate and courageous Church.

1135 **10 CHANGES TO CONSTITUTIONS**

**a) Oxford Diocesan Council for Partnership in World Mission (PWM)**  
The Rt Revd Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading and Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Council for Partnership in World Mission to move *"That this Synod approve the revised constitution of the Oxford Diocesan Council for Partnership in World Mission set out in paper ODS 18.02"*

**ODS 18.02**

**b) Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)**

The Revd Canon Adrian Daffern, Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Committee to move *“That this Synod approve the revised constitution of the Diocesan Advisory Committee set out in paper ODS 18.03”*

**ODS 18.03**

**c) Diocesan Synod Standing Orders**

Mrs Judith Scott, Chair of the House of Laity on behalf of the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee to move that *“this Synod approves the amendments to Standing Orders as set out in paper ODS 18.04”*

**ODS 18.04**

1145 **11 DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS 2018**

**ODS 18.05**

Elected representation on Diocesan Synod, 2018 - 2021

Mrs Judith Scott, Chair of the House of Laity, on behalf of the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee, to move that:

*“The numbers of members to be elected in 2018 by the houses of laity and clergy of each deanery synod to the respective houses of the Diocesan Synod, shall be in accordance with the scheme of the representation set out in paper ODS 18.05, and*

*that the voting papers to be used in the elections to the Diocesan Synod in 2018 shall be in the form set out in section 7 of Appendix 1 to the Church Representation Rules, i.e. that the elections conducted by the first-past-the-post system.”*

1155 **12 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEAN AND CANONS OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OXFORD, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2017**

**ODS 18.06**

The Revd Canon Edmund Newey, Sub Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, will speak on behalf of the Dean and Canons about the Cathedral’s recent activities and future plans. There will be a brief opportunity for questions.

1215 **13 FINANCIAL YEAR END RESULTS OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE**

The Revd John Tattersall, Chair of the Board of Finance will give a verbal update on the financial out-turn for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. There will be an opportunity for questions.

1230 **14 MATTERS FROM THE GENERAL SYNOD GROUP OF SESSIONS  
– FEBRUARY 2018**

The Revd Frog Orr-Ewing, newly elected General Synod member, will talk briefly about his first experience at General Synod. Following that Mr Gavin Oldham will provide a briefing on some of the other matters considered at the February sessions with an opportunity to ask questions.

Both the full agenda and a summary of Business Done can be viewed at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-01/GS%202078%20-%20Agenda%20%28February%202018%29.pdf>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-02/Business%20Done%20-%20February%202018.pdf>

1250 **15 REFLECTION**

Mrs Maureen Lomas, Mursley Deanery, will reflect on the morning's business.

1255 **16 CLOSING PRAYERS**

Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Reading.

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