



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

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

Saturday 16 June 2018

0915 am

**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 8 June 2018**.
 - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 8 June 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
- 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 17 November 2018**. This will be the first meeting of the new triennium. There will be an induction for new and existing Synod members in Oxford on **Monday 17th September** at **5pm** **followed by a service at the cathedral** (*further details will follow once elections are finished*).

AGENDA



The Synod will be joined by members of the order of All Saints Sisters of the Poor, who will provide a continuing praying presence during our meeting. You are welcome to visit the chapel for private prayer during the meeting.

0915 **1 OPENING WORSHIP**
The Synod will begin with worship led by members of the House of Laity.

0935 **2 NOTICES AND WELCOME**

0940 **3 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
The Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

1010 **4 GROWING DISCIPLES AND SETTING GOD’S PEOPLE FREE ACROSS THE DIOCESE**

This session will update Synod on the work related to Setting God’s People Free, and how it integrates with the emerging priorities of the Discipleship working group.

There will be an opportunity for group discussion and reflection. As preparation, the two reports on the Church of England web site <https://www.churchofengland.org/SGPF>, “Setting God’s People Free Summary Report Version for Deaneries and Parishes”, and “Setting God’s People Free for Monday to Saturday” are recommended.

The session will be led by Olivia Graham, Archdeacon of Berkshire, Andrew Anderson-Gear, Director of Mission and Judith Scott, Chair of the House of Laity.

1055 **5 MINUTES**
Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 17th March 2018 (*previously circulated*)

6 QUESTIONS
The deadline for questions to be received is **Friday 8 June 2018**.

The Synod will adjourn for the Annual General Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (see separate agenda and papers).

1100 **7 AGM OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE**
Papers: AGM agenda and 2017 Minutes
Directors’ Report and Financial Accounts 2017

1110 **COFFEE**

When returning to your seats we ask that you pause for a brief period of reflection. SILENCE will follow.

The Synod will then reconvene.

1130 **8 ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARDS COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES 2017** **ODS 18.07**

The Revd Canon Rosie Harper, 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 18.07"

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.

1150 **9 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE OXFORD
DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION** **ODS 18.08**

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

“That this Synod takes note of the report set out in paper ODS 18.08”

1210 **10 DRAFT BUDGET 2019 AND PARISH SHARE APPORTIONMENT** **ODS 18.09**
The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move:

“That this Synod takes note of paper ODS 18.09”

1240 **11 REFLECTION**

Mrs Penny Keens, Milton Keynes Deanery, will reflect on the morning's business.

12 FAREWELL TO NON-RETURNING MEMBERS

Including some special tributes

1255 **13 CLOSING PRAYERS**

Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Oxford.

The meeting is scheduled to end about 1.00 pm.