

**OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD
and
BOARD OF FINANCE**

A G E N D A



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

**Green Park Conference Centre
100 Longwater Avenue, Green Park,
Reading RG2 6GP**

**On Saturday 17 November 2018
At 09.15 am**

(Registration and coffee available from 0850)

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 November 2018**.
 - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 9 November 2018**.
Email diosec@oxford.anglican.org (*please ensure you ask for acknowledgement of safe receipt*).
 - 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 **1.15pm**.
- 3 Parking is available on site. There are parking spaces directly outside the centre for Blue Badge holders.
- 4 Members are asked to confirm their attendance in advance.
- 5 Any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Clerk of the Synod, Caroline Todd, at Church House Oxford.
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.
- 8 Parish share receipts will be tabled for members' information, but are not on the agenda for discussion.
- 9 This year the Children's Society are celebrating 50 years and Rachel Brockie will be at the synod manning a stall to share the work they have been undertaking.
- 10 The date of the next meeting of the Synod will be **Saturday 16 March 2019 at Gerrard's Cross**.

AGENDA

09.15 1 WELCOME AND OPENING WORSHIP

The Synod will begin with Dwelling in the Word led by the Rt Revd Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading

Colossians 1 v 15-20 and 3 v 12-17

¹⁵ Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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09.35 **2 ELECTIONS OF CHAIRS OF THE HOUSE OF CLERGY AND HOUSE OF LAITY** by individual Houses. Each will also serve as Vice-President of the Diocesan Synod.

09.50 **3 NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS
COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS**
Following the notices, the Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford will commission those serving in the coming triennium.

4 MINUTES *(Minutes previously circulated)*
Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 16th June 2018

5 QUESTIONS
The deadline for questions to be received is **Friday 9th November 2018**.

10.05 **6 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
The Bishop of Oxford

10.20 **7 UPDATE ON COMMON VISION** *Paper to follow ODS 18.10*

The Bishop of Oxford and the Revd John Tattersall, Chair of the Board of Finance will update the Synod on the Common Vision process. There will be a presentation by the Ven. Martin Gorick, Archdeacon of Oxford, on the proposals from the New Churches and Communities Working Group, with opportunities for discussion, comments and questions

11.20 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.40 **8 THE 2019 REVENUE BUDGET AND 2020/22 PROJECTIONS AND
AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE, AND DEANERY SHARE
APPORTIONMENT**

Paper ODS 18. 11

A motion to approve and adopt the 2019 Budget, authorise expenditure, request a net contribution from deanery share apportionment and note projections for 2020-2022.

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

“That this Synod..

- a) Approves and adopts the 2019 budget as set out below and in the accompanying papers;*
- b) Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2019, under Budget Heads 1-9, sums not exceeding the following net amounts:*

BUDGET HEAD		AMOUNT (£000s)	Note
	<u>Net Revenue Costs</u>		
1	Parish Ministry	14,654	
2	Diocesan Administration and Finance	515	1
3	Mission in the Diocese	2,945	
4	National Church Responsibilities	1,138	
5	Transfers to Unrestricted Reserves	92	
	<i>Total Net Revenue Costs</i>	19,344	
	<u>Funded by</u>		
6	Net Parish Share (see c) below)	19,344	
	<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 2019 based on the figure of £19,344k being net of allowances for rebates and under-collection (Head 6);*

- d) *Notes the Total Return Income allocation of £2,558k for strategic expenditure (Common Vision), **authorises** the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £2,558k and **approves** the transfer of any unspent Total Return income to be carried forward to our Common Vision fund for future expenditure.*
- e) *Notes, in the accompanying papers, the projections of income and expenditure for 2020-2022.”*

Notes

1 Gross Administration and Finance £824k, less income from investments and trusts £309k, net £515k.

2 2019 budget for Capital Transactions – Houses is a net cash inflow so no vote is required.

THE SYNOD WILL ADJOURN FOR A MEETING OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE

12.25

MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE *Notice Paper*

The Synod will meet to elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance. Nominations previously received.

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12.35 **9 INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES AND SOME MATTERS FROM THE GENERAL SYNOD GROUP OF SESSIONS – JULY 2018**

General Synod members will briefly introduce themselves, noting the deaneries with which they connect. There will then be a short briefing on some of the matters from the General Synod. The agenda and papers relating to the July sessions are available <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/work-general-synod/general-synod-agendas-and-papers/general-synod/1159>

12.50 **11 REFLECTION**

A reflection will be given on the content and manner of working of the Synod

12.55 **12 CLOSING PRAYERS**

Closing prayers will be led by the Rt. Revd Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester

The meeting is scheduled to end about 1.00 pm.



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