



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

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

Saturday 16 March 2019

0915 am

**St James Church
Oxford Road, Gerrards Cross
SL9 7DJ**

Note: There will be a networking buffet lunch following the close of business.

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 March 2019**.
 - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 8 March 2019**.
 - 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 in the church and we encourage you to car share where possible. There are parking spaces directly outside the church for Blue Badge holders.
- 4 On arrival, members are asked to confirm their attendance by signing in on the relevant sheet on the welcome desk.
- 5 There will be a networking buffet lunch following the service and you are asked to book in advance at: <https://diocesansynod16march2019.eventbrite.co.uk>
- 6 Any apologies for absence should be notified in advance of the meeting to the Clerk of the Synod, Caroline Todd, at Diocesan Church House.
Email: synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org
- 7 Items may be taken earlier but should not be taken later than the times indicated on the agenda.
- 8 When speaking, members are asked to remember to give their name and Synod number. There is no induction loop in the church we are reassured that the sound system is adequate for people with hearing difficulties.
- 9 The date of the next meeting of the Synod will be **Saturday 15 June 2019 in Oxford**
Future dates: 16 November 2019 in Milton Keynes.
Dates in 2020: Saturday 14th March, Saturday 13th June and Saturday 14th November

0915 **1 OPENING WORSHIP – Dwelling in the Word**
The Synod will begin with opening worship led by members of the Amersham Deanery.

0935 **2 NOTICES AND WELCOME**

3 MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 17th November 2018 (*previously circulated*).

4 QUESTIONS

The deadline for questions to be received is **Friday 8 March 2019**.

0945 **5 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

The Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford will give his presidential address and there will be an opportunity for Synod to respond to the issues raised.

1015 **6 COMMON VISION:**

ODS 19.01

How is this enabled, supported and embedded in our churches?

- Update on developments within Common Vision
- Introduction to a Common Vision discernment process for preparing and reviewing plans for mission.
- The Development Fund and its operation

The Bishop of Oxford
Andrew Anderson-Gear, Director of Mission
Rosemary Pearce, Diocesan Secretary

1110 **COFFEE BREAK**

1130 **7 UPDATE ON CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MOTION**

ODS 19.02

Caroline Boddington, Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, will give an update on the Review of the Crown Nominations Commission procedure following the motion from Wycombe Deanery, passed at Diocesan Synod on 12th March 2016, and forwarded to General Synod for consideration.

“That this Synod invite the Archbishops to initiate a review into the role of the Crown Nominations Commission, including consideration of alternative methods of appointment for diocesan bishops”

Background paper ODS 16.01 attached to paper ODS 19.02 and additional General Synod paper GS MISC 1209

