

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

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

**Saturday 15 June 2019**

**0915 am**

**Unipart Conference Centre, Cowley OX4 6LN**

**Please ensure you read the notes at the  
back of the agenda**

# AGENDA

*Paper No.*

0915	1	<p><b>OPENING WORSHIP</b></p> <p>The Synod will begin with worship led by members of the Oxford and Cowley Deaneries.</p>	
0935	2	<p><b>WELCOME AND NOTICES</b></p>	
	3	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (<i>previously circulated</i>)</p>	
	4	<p><b>QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>The deadline for questions to be received is: <b>Friday 7 June 2019.</b></p>	
0940	5	<p><b>PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND RESPONSE</b></p> <p>The Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford</p> <p><i>Following this the Synod will adjourn for the AGM of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance</i></p>	
1020	7	<p><b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE</b></p> <p><i>(see separate agenda and papers).</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Papers: AGM Agenda and 2018 Minutes Directors' Report and Financial Accounts 2018</i></p> <p><i>The Synod will then reconvene.</i></p>	

1030	8	<p><b>DRAFT BUDGET 2020 AND SHARE APPORTIONMENT</b></p> <p>The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move:  <i>“That this Synod takes note of paper ODS 19.07”</i></p>	ODS 19.07
1100		<p><b>COFFEE</b></p> <p><i>When returning to your seats we ask that you pause for a brief period of reflection. SILENCE will follow.</i></p>	
1120	8	<p><b>DIGITAL EVANGELISM AND THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA</b></p> <p>Mr Adrian Harris, Head of Digital Communications for the Church of England, will give a presentation on this developing area.</p>	
1200	9	<p><b>ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARDS COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES 2018</b></p> <p>The Chair of the House of Laity, Mr John Sykes, on behalf of the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee, to present the reports and move:</p> <p><i>“That this Synod take note of the reports listed in paper ODS 19.08”</i></p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee</li> <li>b) Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee</li> <li>c) Financial Report to Synod</li> <li>d) Diocesan Communications</li> <li>e) Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches</li> </ul>	ODS 19.08

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f) Diocesan Committee for Interfaith Relations</li> <li>g) Diocesan Board of Education</li> <li>h) Diocesan Glebe and Buildings Committee</li> <li>i) Diocesan Board of Mission</li> <li>j) Diocesan Council for Partnership in World Mission</li> <li>k) Diocesan Board of Patronage</li> <li>l) Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited</li> <li>m) Diocesan Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</li> <li>n) Diocesan Mothers' Union</li> <li>o) Parents and Children Together (PACT)</li> </ul>	
1215	10	<p><b>ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION</b></p> <p>The Vice-Chair of the Board of Education, Mrs Maureen Lomas, will present the Annual Report and Accounts with Mr Tony Wilson, Diocesan Director of Education.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair will move:  <i>"That this Synod takes note of the report set out in paper ODS 19.09"</i></p>	ODS 19.09
1230	11	<p><b>THE DIOCESAN SECRETARY</b></p> <p>The Diocesan Secretary, Canon Rosemary Pearce, will reflect on her time as Diocesan and Synod Secretary. This will be followed by a response from Bishop Steven.</p>	
1250	13	<p><b>CLOSING PRAYERS</b></p> <p>Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Dorchester.</p>	
		<i>The meeting is scheduled to finish at 1.00pm</i>	

**Please observe the notes on the following pages**

## 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 7 June 2019**.
  - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 7 June 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 **1.00pm**.
- 3 Parking is available near the venue. There is a large car park outside the barrier area. This is just a minute walk to the conference centre.
- 4 On arrival, members are asked to confirm their attendance by signing in at the 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.
- 8 The date of the next meeting of the Synod will be **Saturday 16 November 2019**. This will be held in Milton Keynes (further details will follow).

## Important note:

### On arrival - Please report to the main reception

Unipart Conference Centre has a strict security policy which we are asked to observe.

It is important that we can provide names of attendees in advance. Please can you make sure your apologies are notified as soon as possible so we can let them know who is expected.

This venue is charged on a per head basis for hire therefore, we need to aim to get as close to the realistic number as possible - Please help us to try and save our diocesan funds.

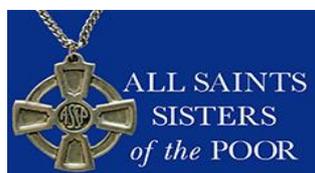
Apologies can be sent to: Email: [synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org)

### Speaking at the Diocesan Synod:

You will recall that at the last meeting we trialled a different way of chairing debates following presentations. It is difficult to assess after just one session if this will work and therefore we would like to invite members again to contact Caroline Todd, Clerk to the Synod, to express an interest in the context of either having some specialist knowledge or a significant interest in an agenda item, giving an idea of what points you might like to raise. This will apply to the main Synod meeting only and not the ODBF AGM. The Chairs will consider these points and decide who should be invited to speak early in the debate. Following this, the floor will be opened to general debate. This approach is intended to manage debate time more efficiently. When speaking, members are asked to come to the microphone, and to give their name and Synod number. Please note the rules under Standing Orders for the Diocesan Synod will still apply.

### Continuing Praying Presence:

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. We would encourage you to make contact with Sisters Jayne and Frances during the meeting should you wish to do so.



Founded in London in 1851, we are an Anglican religious community of women in Oxford. We have an active ministry upheld and enriched by prayer. Our aim is to be channels of God's love, in whatever way we believe the Holy Spirit is leading us.