



**DIOCESE *of* OXFORD**

*A Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world*

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

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

**Saturday 16 November 2019**

**9.15 am**

**Church of the Servant King  
33 Dulverton Drive, Furzton, Milton Keynes MK4 1NA**

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back of the agenda**

# AGENDA

*Paper No.*

09.15	1	<b>OPENING WORSHIP</b> The Synod will begin with worship led by members of the Milton Keynes Deanery.	
09.35	2	<b>WELCOME AND NOTICES</b>	
09.40	3	<b>WELCOME to Bishop Ossie and the Chair of the Kimberley &amp; Kuruman Link Committee (Carol Starkey)</b>	
09.45	4	<b>PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON 39</b>	<i>Verbal</i>
09.50	5	<b>APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO DAC CONSTITUTION</b> The Revd Derek Witchell, Chair of the DAC will note the minor changes and move that:-  <i>“This Synod is asked to approve the amendment to the constitution of the Diocesan Advisory Committee as set out in paper ODS 19.10”</i>	<i>ODS 19.10</i>
0955	6	<b>MINUTES</b> <b>Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (previously circulated)</b>	
	7	<b>QUESTIONS</b> The deadline for questions to be received is: <b>Friday 8 November 2019.</b> Questions to be sent to the Secretary of Synod (see notes).	

10.00	8	<p><b>PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND RESPONSE</b></p> <p>The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford</p>	<i>Verbal</i>
10.30	9	<p><b>INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW DIOCESAN SECRETARY (and Secretary to the Diocesan Synod)</b></p> <p>Mr Mark Humphriss will address the Synod</p>	<i>Verbal</i>
10.40	10	<p><b>THE 2020 REVENUE BUDGET AND 2021-23 PROJECTIONS AND AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE, AND DEANERY APPORTIONMENT</b></p> <p>A motion to approve and adopt the 2020 Budget, authorise expenditure, request a net contribution from deanery share apportionment and note projections for 2021-2023.</p> <p><i>The Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to move:</i></p> <p><i>“That this Synod..</i></p> <p><i>a) Approves and adopts the 2020 budget as set out below and in the accompanying papers;</i></p> <p><i>b) Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2020, under Budget Heads 1-9, sums not exceeding the following net amounts:</i></p>	<i>ODS 19.11</i>

BUDGET HEAD		AMOUNT (£000s)	Note
	<u>Net Revenue Costs</u>		
1	Parish Ministry	14,787	
2	Diocesan Administration and Finance	618	1
3	Mission in the Diocese	2,969	
4	National Church Responsibilities	1,138	
5	Transfers to Unrestricted Reserves	4	
	<u>Total Net Revenue Costs</u>	19,516	
	<u>Funded by</u>		
6	Net Parish Share (see c) below)	19,516	
	<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 2020 based on the figure of £19,516k being net of allowances for rebates and under-collection (Head 6);

d) Notes the Total Return Income allocation of £2,345k for strategic expenditure (Common Vision), **authorises** the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £2,345k and **approves** the transfer of any unspent Total Return income to be carried forward to our Common Vision fund for future expenditure.

		<p>e) <i>Notes, in the accompanying papers, the projections of income and expenditure for 2021-2023.</i></p> <p><b>Notes</b></p> <p>1 <i>Gross Administration and Finance £914k, less income from investments and trusts £296k, net £618k.</i></p> <p>2 <i>2020 budget for Capital Transactions – Houses is a net cash inflow so no vote is required.</i></p>	
11.05	11	<p><b>DIOCESAN FINANCE</b></p> <p>The Synod will work in groups taking time to reflect on questions that will be tabled, or any other issues which arise for Synod members from the background paper.</p> <p><b>COFFEE</b></p> <p><i>Note: There will be no formal coffee break but during this time you will be directed to leave your table and take coffee returning to your seats.</i></p>	ODS 19.12
11.45	12	<p><b>DEANERY SYNOD MOTION (Cowley Deanery)</b></p> <p><i>The Synod will be invited to debate the following Motion.</i></p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p><i>“In the light of the Oxford Diocese’s commitment to becoming a Christlike Church that is courageous, compassionate and contemplative we ask that this Synod:</i></p> <p><b>I) recognise the significant level of inequality that exists across the diocese that enables some parishes to have churches that are “fit for purpose” whilst other parishes struggle to provide even the most basic of facilities such as running water,</b></p> <p><b>and</b></p> <p><b>II) commission a Working Group that will propose how best to provide urgent practical support and funding to those parishes that are most in need of basic facilities so as to enable them to fulfil their mission.”</b></p> <p><i>Proposed by: Jayne Ozanne, Seconded by: the Revd Canon Dr Geoff Bayliss</i></p>	ODS 19.13a  ODS 19.13b

12.10	13	<p><b>PROPOSAL FOR FULL-TIME ASSOCIATE ARCHDEACONS IN THE DIOCESE OF OXFORD</b></p> <p>On behalf of the Bishop’s Council, The Bishop of Oxford will present the paper and move: -</p> <p><i>“That this Synod approves....</i></p> <p><i>The appointment of three new full-time Associate Archdeacons for the Episcopal Areas of Buckingham, Dorchester and Reading; the appointments to be for 3 years in first instance, renewable for a further 3 years, as set out in paper ODS 19.14”</i></p>	ODS 19.14
12.30	14	<p><b>ELECTED LAY REPRESENTATION ON DEANERY SYNODS 2020–23</b></p> <p>Mr John Sykes, Chair of the House of Laity, on behalf of the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee, to move:</p> <p><i>“That this Synod approves the use of the representation formula set out in paper ODS 19.15 for the election of parochial representatives of the laity to deanery synods in 2020.”</i></p>	ODS 19.15
12.35	15	<p><b>UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT FUND</b></p> <p>Mr John Sykes, Chair of the House of Laity, will give a brief update.</p>	Verbal
12.40	16	<p><b>COMMON VISION: ‘Celebrating the Joys and Challenges in Milton Keynes’</b></p> <p>Led by a panel from Milton Keynes.</p>	ODS 19.16 To be tabled

13.00	17	<b>REFLECTION</b> The Revd Richard Lamey, Sonning Deanery and Acting Assistant Archdeacon of Berkshire, will reflect on the morning's business.	
13.10		<b>CLOSING PRAYERS</b> Closing prayers will be led by the Bishop of Buckingham, The Rt. Revd Alan Wilson.	
13.15		<i>The meeting is scheduled to finish at 1.15pm</i>	
		<i>Deemed Papers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>General Synod Report – July Group of Sessions</b> <i>Julie Dziegiel, General Synod Member</i></li> </ul>	<i>ODS 19.17</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 8 November 2019**.
  - c notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 8 November 2019**.  
*[Please ensure you have had an acknowledgement for any questions submitted].*
  - 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 There is limited parking available in the church grounds, on the main road opposite and at the local shopping precinct next door. We are asked to be mindful of parking in side streets to avoid upsetting local residents.
- 4 On arrival, members are asked to confirm their attendance by signing in at the desk.
- 5 At the Synod Secretary's request, any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Clerk to the Synod, Caroline Todd, at Church House Oxford. Email: [synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org)
- 6 Items may be taken earlier but should not be taken later than the times indicated on the agenda.
- 8 The date of the next meeting of the Synod will be **Saturday 14 March 2020** (further details will follow).

**9 Speaking at the Diocesan Synod:**

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.

**10 Continuing Praying Presence:**

The Synod will sadly not be joined by members of a religious order this time. However, there is support for this, and we will aim to have someone present next time. Members will, however, be prayed for in chapel during the meeting. As a reminder we do have Sister Catherine present at meetings as a representative for religious communities on General Synod and I am sure she would be happy to talk or pray with you.

**11 We are committed to taking environmental issues seriously:**

We will serve drinks in compostable cups which we will ask you to keep and bring back to refill. If you would prefer to bring your own reusable cup or mug please do so.

Furztown, Milton Keynes is not an easy place to get to via public transport so therefore we have not included any suggestions of how you could do this. We will look at this more closely for future meetings. However, we do want to send a message of positive encouragement for as many people to car share where possible. If you might be willing to do this, please contact people in your deaneries direct. If you don't have contact details, you can do this direct from the website as shown below:



Synod members ask questions about the Common Vision strategy – November 2018

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- [Find out about Diocesan Synod](#)
- [Roles and responsibilities](#)
- [Standing Orders](#)

## 12 Refreshments

We continue to serve Fair Trade tea / coffee at our meetings. Following your feedback from last November's meeting, on arrival we will also offer pastries so those who are travelling any distance may have something a little more substantial before the start of the meeting.

### 2020 Meeting Dates

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Venues to be confirmed
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	

**Last date for new business for agenda (March meeting) is:**

- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020**