



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

**meeting  
to be held on:**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**09.00 am (Meeting of the House of Clergy)  
09.15 (All)**

**To be held via Zoom  
(See link in notes)**



## Oxford Diocesan Synod

14 August 2020

**To: All Diocesan Synod members**  
**From: Canon Mark Humphriss, Synod Secretary**

Dear Synod member,

As you are aware, in June we had to postpone our AGM for the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance due to Covid-19 restricted measures as no provision had been made for us to be able to meet by virtual means. I am pleased to say that national guidance now enables us to hold the meeting via zoom in accordance with such guidance and company law deadlines. This has the effect of a temporary change to our Standing Orders.

Unlike the June meeting, this will therefore be a formal meeting of the Synod where decisions can be made and standing orders will apply but we will use the functionality within the technology to facilitate wide input in an ordered manner. Please ensure you observe the notes on the agenda regarding expectations and conduct at the meeting. You will also find the link to the meeting in the agenda.

Following the success of meeting this way in June, we very much hope this will give us sufficient opportunity to engage in business in an interactive and thoughtful way.

*Mark Humphriss*

The detailed agenda for the meeting on **Saturday 5 September 2020**, to be held as a virtual meeting, is as follows:

# AGENDA

Time		Item	Paper
09:00		<p><b>Meeting of the House of Clergy</b> Prior to the start of the Synod meeting, the House of Clergy will hold a meeting to confirm the election of the Chair-Designate. <i>This follows the informal election held previously where The Revd Canon Geoff Bayliss was appointed Chair-designate.</i></p>	
09:15	1.	<b>Welcome and Opening Worship</b>	
09:35	2.	<p><b>Notices:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General notices</li> <li>• Confirmation of election of new Chair of the House of Clergy (&amp; brief response)</li> <li>• Including timetable for the appointment of new Bishop of Dorchester</li> </ul>	
09:45	3.	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b> of meeting held on 14 March 2020 (<i>Previously distributed</i>)</p> <p><b>Questions under S.O(70)</b> A written response will be available if questions received.</p>	
09:50	4.	<b>Presidential Address</b> and response	
10.20	5.	<p><b>AGM of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance</b> <i>Papers: AGM Agenda and 2019 Minutes</i> <i>Directors' Report and Financial Statements 2019</i></p> <p>Synod will adjourn for the Annual General Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (see separate agenda and papers). The Synod will then reconvene.</p>	<i>Separate papers</i>
10:30	6.	<p><b>FINANCE:</b> <b>Financial Update and Draft 2021 Budget and Share Allocation</b> The Chair of the Board of Finance, The Revd John Tattersall, will update the Synod: The Chair to move: <i>"That this Synod takes note of paper ODS 20.07"</i></p>	ODS 20.07
11.00		<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
11.15	7.	<p><b>Annual Report and Accounts of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education</b> The Vice-Chair of the Board of Education, Mrs Maureen Lomas, will introduce the item and Mr Tony Wilson, Diocesan Director of Education will give a short presentation. This will be an opportunity to hear about the current position affecting our schools during Covid-19.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity for questions.</p>	ODS 20.08

		Following this the Vice -Chair to move: <i>“That this Synod takes note of the report set out in paper ODS 20.08”</i>	
11.45	8.	<b>Report on the Cowley Working Group</b> The Revd Canon Verena Breed, Chair of the Cowley Working Group, will give a short presentation outlining the recommendations of the group on behalf of Bishop’s Council.  Following this the Chair to move: <i>“That this Synod approves the recommendations as set out in the report paper ODS 20.09”</i>	ODS 20.09
12.20	9.	<b>Annual Reports of the Diocesan Boards, Councils and Committees 2019</b> Mr John Sykes, on behalf of the Bishop’s Council and Standing Committee, to present the reports and move:  <i>“That this Synod take note of the reports listed in paper ODS 20.10”</i>  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) Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee c) Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance - Financial Report to Synod d) Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC) e) Diocesan Communications f) Committee for Interfaith Relations g) Oxford Diocesan Board of Education h) Glebe and Buildings Committee i) Board of Mission j) Council for Partnership in World Mission k) Diocesan Board of Patronage l) Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Limited m) Diocesan Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing n) Mothers’ Union o) Parents and Children Together (PACT)	ODS 20.10
12.35	10.	Farewell to Bishop Colin, Bishop of Dorchester	
12.50	11.	Reflection and Closing Prayer ( <i>Bishop of Dorchester</i> )	
13.00		Close	

*The meeting is scheduled to finish by 1.00 pm*

**SEE NOTES: (1-4 below)**

1.	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: <a href="mailto:synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org">synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org</a>
2.	<p><b>HOW TO JOIN</b></p> <p><b>Join Zoom Meeting</b></p> <p>Diocese of Oxford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Topic: Diocesan Synod (CT 0830-14.00)</p> <p>Time: Sep 5, 2020 08:30 AM London</p> <p><b>The link can be found in the email sent out on 14/08/2020 to members from <a href="mailto:synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org">synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org</a> – please do not share this link with anyone else.</b></p>
2.	On arrival, members will be asked to wait to be admitted.
3.	<p>The attention of members is drawn to the fact that under the Synod’s Standing Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the period of notice for new business has expired, save for urgent or other especially important business included by direction of the President;</li> <li>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 (the Diocesan Secretary) by <b>Friday 28 August 2020.</b></li> <li>c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by <b>Friday 28 August 2020.</b> Email: <a href="mailto:diosec@oxford.anglican.org">diosec@oxford.anglican.org</a> copied to <a href="mailto:synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org">synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org</a>. <b>Please ensure your question has been acknowledged as received safely.</b></li> </ul>
4.	<p>Being mindful that this is a formal gathering of the Synod and Standing Orders apply, when wishing to speak, members are asked to raise their hand using the ‘raise hand’ function button and give their name and number if known, or Deanery or relevant position. The Chair will invite members to speak in order and determine length of speech.</p> <p>During the meeting we would respectfully encourage members not to use the ‘chat’ function to communicate with everyone during debate as all questions and comments should be directed through the Chair for the relevant items using the ‘raise hand’ function as above.</p> <p>Only Synod members are permitted to speak except by permission of the Chair. Members will be kept on mute except when invited to speak and are asked to keep contributions brief to maximise the number of people who can speak.</p>

<b>Diocesan Synod – Future meeting dates</b>	
<b>2020</b>	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Milton Hill House, Abingdon

<b>2021</b>	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Venue tbc
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Venue tbc
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	First meeting of new triennium following elections