

OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD
Diocesan Synod Agenda November 2020

This meeting will be held via zoom. (*Details of how to join can be found in the notes section*)

AGENDA

Time	Item	Mins
09:15	Welcome and Opening Worship Dwelling in the Word	20
09:35	Notices	10
09:45	Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 5 September 2020 Questions under S.O(70)	5
09:50	Presidential Address and response Bishop of Oxford	25
10:15	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Paper ODS 20.11</i></p> <p>The Care and Wellbeing of Ministers and those in Leadership in a Christ-like Church</p> <p>Bishop Steven will formally promulge the Clergy Covenant for Wellbeing</p> <p>The Bishop of Reading, The Rt Revd Olivia Graham, will introduce the paper with Mrs Poli Shajko, Director of Human Resources and Safeguarding, which contains links in particular to <i>Flourishing Together</i> and the diocese's new Dignity in Ministry and at Work Policy</p> <p><i>Presentation, discussion in groups, debate</i></p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>'That this Synod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Adopts the Clergy Covenant for Wellbeing (set out in paragraph 20 of GS 2133) and be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed as an Act of Synod. (b) Commends <i>Flourishing Together</i> to all parts of this diocese (c) Welcomes the <i>Dignity in Ministry and at Work Policy</i> (d) Encourages ongoing proactive consideration of wellbeing issues at parish, deanery and diocesan level.' 	55
11.10	COFFEE BREAK	20

The 2020 Revenue Budget and 2021-23 Projections and Authorisation of Expenditure, and Deanery Apportionment

A motion to approve and adopt the 2021 Budget, authorise expenditure, request a net contribution from deanery share apportionment and note projections for 2022-2024.

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

“That this Synod..

- a) Approves and adopts the 2021 budget as set out below and in the accompanying papers;*
- b) Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2021, 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	14,655	
2	Diocesan Administration and Finance	569	
3	Mission in the Diocese	3,056	
4	National Church Responsibilities	1,105	
5	Transfers from Unrestricted Reserves	(946)	
	<i>Total Net Revenue Costs</i>	18,439	
	<u>Funded by</u>		
6	Net Parish Share	18,439	<i>a</i>
	<u>Capital Costs</u>		
7	General Fund Expenditure	323	
8	Capital Transactions – Houses	388	
9	Loan Transactions	-	

- a) Requests that such expenditure be financed in part by deanery share apportionments for 2021 based on the figure of £18,439K-being net of allowances for rebates and under-collection (Head 6);*
- b) Notes the Total Return Income allocation of £2,728K for strategic expenditure (Common Vision), authorises the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £2,728K and approves the transfer of any unspent Total Return income to be carried forward to our Common Vision fund for future expenditure.*
- c) Notes, in the accompanying papers, the projections of income and expenditure for 2022-2024.”*

12.05	<p>Parents and Children Together (PACT) Mrs Jan Fishwick, Chief Executive, will present an overview of some of the current work of PACT and some of its projects.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity for questions and comments.</p>	25
12.30	<p>Diocesan Scheme for 2021 Triennial Elections <i>Paper ODS 20.13</i></p> <p>To approve the scheme to be presented for Diocesan Synod elections in 2021.</p> <p>Mr John Sykes, Chair of the House of Laity, will present the paper on behalf of the Bishop's Council.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p><i>“That this Synod approves the use of the representation formula set out in paper ODS 20.13 for the election of representatives of the House of Laity and House of Clergy to the Diocesan Synod in 2021.”</i></p>	15
12.45	<p>Matters from the General Synod Group of Sessions – July and September 2020</p> <p>Mrs Julie Dziegiel, a member of the General Synod will talk briefly about some of the issues on the agenda at the recent meetings of the General Synod.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to GS virtual meeting – July 2020 • Link to Business Done – Sept 2020 	5
12.50	<p>Reflection and Closing Prayer <i>(Bishop of Buckingham)</i></p>	10
13.00	Close	
NOTES:		
1.	<p>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: synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org</p>	
2.	<p>HOW TO JOIN Diocese of Oxford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. On arrival please wait to be admitted.</p> <p>Topic: Diocesan Synod (CT 0830 -13.30) Time: Nov 14, 2020 08:30 AM London</p> <p>The link can be found in the email sent out on 23/10/2020 to members from synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org – Please do not share this link with anyone else.</p>	
3.	On arrival, members will be asked to wait to be admitted.	

4.	<p>The attention of members is drawn to the fact that under the Synod’s Standing Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the period of notice for new business has expired, save for urgent or other especially 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 (the Diocesan Secretary) by Friday 6 November 2020. c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 6 November 2020. <p>Email: diosec@oxford.anglican.org copied to synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org. Please ensure your question has been acknowledged as received safely.</p>	
5.	<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 each other during debate as all questions 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>	

Diocesan Synod – Future meeting dates	
2021	
Saturday 20 th March	Via Zoom
Saturday 19 th June	Venue tbc
Monday 27 th September (4-9pm)	New Triennium Induction (for ALL members) St Aldates Church Oxford Followed by Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral
Saturday 13 th November	First meeting of new triennium following elections