

## ELY DIOCESAN SYNOD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ely Diocesan Synod held in the Hayward Theatre, Kings Ely on Saturday 19 October 2019 at 9am

*Revd Canon Alison Myers, Chair of the House of Clergy, in the Chair.*

The meeting opened with Eucharist, presided over by the Bishop of Huntingdon

1. **Apologies for Absence received**                      House of Clergy 19                      House of Laity 19

**Commissioning and notices:** The following were commissioned by Bishop Stephen; The Revd Phillip Marsh, Development Officer for Inherited Church, and the Revd Mark Rodel, Development Officer for Fresh Expressions; the Revd Mark Stobert, Lead Chaplain at Addenbrooke's Hospital, was commissioned as Bishop's Adviser for Healthcare.

The Chair thanked the Prince of Peace Choir, visiting from Kigali, for their singing contribution to Synod.

The Chair announced the **Promulgation of Amending Canon No. 39** to Synod.

Synod accepted the circulated calculations for Deanery Synod representatives

Proposed: Dr Arvan Pritchard  
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Canon Janet Perrett

Supplementary question received regarding licensed University clergy from Revd Canon Jonathan Young. For subsequent response.

Instrument of Delegation from Bishop of Ely to Bishop of Huntingdon was read and approved unanimously by all present.

2. The **Minutes** of Diocesan Synod held on 12 June 2019 were agreed as accurate and signed by the Chair, the Revd Alison Myers. Revd Canon Mike Booker confirmed that the Stage 1 bid for Strategic Development Funding #2 has been submitted; an answer is expected in early December.

3. **Presidential Address:** Bishop Stephen delivered his Presidential Address (attached) with emphasis on Climate Justice as the priority for the year ahead.

4. **Report from Bishop's Council:** the Diocesan Secretary presented his summary of the Bishop's Council proceedings held on 12 July 2019. There were no questions

5. **Kigali presentation:** Bishop Nathan, enthroned in August following Bishop Louis' retirement, gave a short presentation in conjunction with Manasseh Tuyizere, Diocesan Secretary and Youth Pastor. This was followed by a short question and answer session.

6. **Safeguarding - Interim Report :** Rebecca Boswell, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (RB), and Jon Chapman (JC), Independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Liaison Group (DSLGL), presented their Interim Report and their strategy for 2020. Mr Chapman acknowledged the engagement and commitment from all partners who are members of the DSLGL. The Diocesan Safeguarding team are currently working on focussed parish support, to understand the challenges within individual parishes, to encourage effective information sharing and communication.

Safeguarding training is currently not portable across sectors as there are different levels of Disclosure and Barring Service requirements for each.

The Dean advised that the SCIE safeguarding audit at Ely Cathedral had been completed with a positive outcome. The action plan will be uploaded to the Cathedral website in due course. JC is the Independent Chair of Safeguarding at the Cathedral and RB also sits on the Cathedral Safeguarding Committee.

7. **Business of the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance (EDBF):** the Revd Canon Brian Atling (BA), Chair of the EDBF introduced the Budget for 2020-22 which was originally agreed at the start of 2019. As the Diocese currently has no clergy vacancies (where EDBF would customarily budget for 8.5 vacancies) bringing the attendant housing and training costs, the 2020 budget has been revisited. BA advised that the revised 2020 budget had been processed as required through Finance Committee and Bishop's Council.

BA requested Diocesan accept the revised 2020-22 Budget  
Agreed by majority  
1 abstention

Ministry Share Allocations 2020: BA requested that Diocesan Synod accept the 2020 Ministry Share allocation of 2.3% which reflects the anticipated clergy uplift in stipend with a very small proportion to cover other clergy costs. It was noted that the costs for the support of part-time clergy are very similar to those for full-time clergy. This percentage uplift has been discussed at Deanery Liaison Group, Finance Committee and at Bishop's Council

BA requested that Diocesan Synod approve the 2.3% Ministry Share uplift for 2020.  
Agreed by majority  
1 abstention  
1 against

Any Other Business

Canon Janet Perrett advised that she would not be standing again for election to General Synod. and offered to visit parishes and deaneries to give more information about the role of elected members to General Synod.

There being no further business, Synod closed with prayer at 12.55 pm.

**The next meeting** of Diocesan Synod will be held on Saturday 14 March 2019 at Over Community Centre, Over starting at 9.30am