



**Diocese of Canterbury**  
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**CANTERBURY DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**DIOCESAN SYNOD**

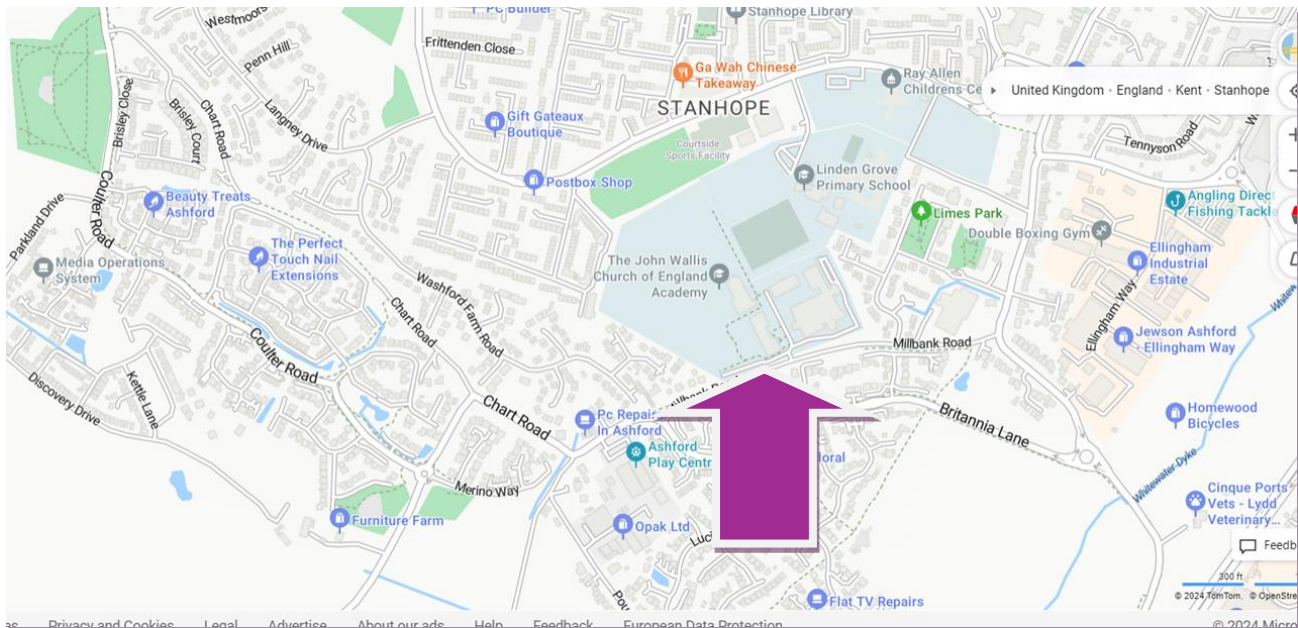
Saturday 15 March 2025  
The John Wallis Church of England Academy, Ashford

**AGENDA**

The meeting will take place at the John Wallis Church of England Academy, Millbank Road, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN23 3HG

A map of the venue is below.

There is ample parking on site.



### **Papers enclosed:**

Agenda

Minutes of the meeting of Synod held on 16 November 2024

~~Minutes of the meeting of Archbishop's Council held on 01 February 2025~~

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Archbishop's Council held on 03 December 2024

~~Vacancy in See update~~

Financial Strategy

Strategy for Growth

Safeguarding Update

### **Dates of Meetings in 2025**

Diocesan Synod

2 July

15 November

Archbishop's Council

4 February

29 April

10 June

14 October



- From 08.15 am**      **REGISTRATION** – tea and coffee on arrival
- 8.45 am**              **WELCOME, WORSHIP AND THE PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS**
- 9.45 am**              **THE PRAYER PACK – Presentation**  
See Centrality of Prayer Paper for details
- 9.55 am**              **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 10.10 am**             **SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK**
- 11.20 am**             **DEVELOPING THE DBF’S FINANCES**  
Round Table discussion
- 12.10 am**             **A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER – Presentation**  
See Centrality of Prayer Paper for details
- 12.20 pm**             **LUNCH – Synod Members are asked to bring their own lunches. Tea and Coffee will be provided**
- OPEN SESSION ENDS 12.20 am**



**MEETING OF DIOCESAN SYNOD (“CLOSED SESSION”)**

| <b>Time</b> |          | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Action needed</b> |
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| <b>1.00</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>WELCOME</b>  |                      |
|             | <b>2</b> | <b>APOLOGIES AND NOTICES</b>  |                      |
| <b>1.10</b> | <b>3</b> | <p><b>DIOCESAN FINANCES</b></p> <p>To include an update on the draft 2024 financial year, the budget for 2025 and the continuing work of the Projections Group.</p> <p>An update on the Diocesan Finance Review. This will also include an update on the wider planned engagement with Synod over finances.</p> <p><b>Papers:</b><br/> <i>2024 Year-End Forecast</i><br/> <i>Management Accounts</i><br/> <i>Updated Cashflow</i><br/> <i>Meeting the Financial Challenge</i></p> | <b>To NOTE</b>       |
| <b>1.35</b> | <b>4</b> | <p><b>STRATEGY REIMAGINED</b></p> <p>An update on the Board’s emerging strategy, funding bids to SMMIB and the progress to date.</p> <p><b>Papers:</b><br/> <i>Synod Strategy Overview</i><br/> <i>Strategic Programme Report</i><br/> <i>Net Zero Carbon Report</i></p>  | <b>To NOTE</b>       |
| <b>1.55</b> | <b>5</b> | <p><b>THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SYNOD</b></p> <p><b>Paper:</b><br/> <i>Annual Report</i></p>  | <b>To NOTE</b>       |



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| 2.30 | 6 | <p><b>SAFEGUARDING</b></p> <p>An update on Safeguarding in this Diocese and the implications of the vote at General Synod in February.</p> <p><b>Paper:</b><br/><i>Safeguarding Report</i></p>   | To NOTE  |
| 2.45 | 7 | <p><b>FORMAL BUSINESS</b></p> <p>An update on the Vacancy in See Process</p> <p>To note the Minutes of the meeting of Synod held on 16 November 2024 were approved by Archbishop's Council on 1 February 2025.</p> <p>Matters arising from the minutes if not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>To receive the Minutes of the meeting of Archbishop's Council held on 9 December 2024 and <del>1 February 2025</del>.</p> <p>Draft Agenda for Diocesan Synod on 2 July</p> <p><b>Question Time</b><br/>Questions and Answers to follow<br/>Questions must be received in writing by NOT LATER THAN 9am on Friday 28 February 2025. Questions should be sent by email (address: <a href="mailto:diocesansecretary@diocant.org">diocesansecretary@diocant.org</a>)</p> | <p>To NOTE</p> <p>To NOTE</p> <p>To RECEIVE</p> <p>To NOTE</p> |
| 3.00 |   | <b>BLESSING AND CLOSE</b>  |  |

