

CANTERBURY DIOCESAN SYNOD

Saturday 18 November 2023

The John Wallis Academy, Millbank Road, Kingsnorth, Ashford, TN23 3HG

C L O S E D D I O C E S A N S Y N O D A G E N D A

From 09:00 HRS REGISTRATION – TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL

- 09:30 HRS 1. WELCOME MR IAN RICH, ACADEMY LAY CHAPLAIN**
- 2. OPENING WORSHIP LED BY BISHOP ROSE**
- 3. APOLOGIES AND NOTICES**
Chair
- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN SYNOD HELD ON 4 JULY 2023**
To Review and Agree the Minutes of the Meeting of Diocesan Synod held on
4 July 2023
Chair
Appendix A
- 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 4TH JULY 2023**
- 6. ARCHBISHOP’S COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
7 October**
To receive the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2023
Chair
Appendix B
- 7. GENERAL SYNOD REPORT**
To receive the Report from General Synod held from 13 to 15
November
**To be
circulated
on the day**
- 8. ENVIRONMENT REPORT**
To receive the Environment Report
Joyce Addison
**To be
circulated
on the day**
- 9. CARBON NET ZERO ACTION PLAN**
To agree the Net Zero Action Plan
Colin Evans
Appendix C

10:45 – 11:15 BREAK

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| 10. | 2024 BUDGET PROPOSALS
To agree the 2024 Budget
Peter Wyllie | Appendix D |
| 11. | 2025 and 2026 FORECASTS
To review and agree the 2025 and 2026 Forecasts
Peter Wyllie | Appendix D |
| 12. | PARISH SHARE REVIEW PROPOSAL
To agree the Parish Share Review Proposal
Peter Wyllie | Appendix E |
| 13. | PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 42
To note the amendment to Canon No. 42
Chair | |

I give notice that, at its July 2023 group of sessions, the General Synod resolved that Amending Canon No. 42 be made, promulgated and executed.

Amending Canon No. 42 amends Canon C 30 by replacing the requirement for the bishop of each diocese to appoint a Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) with a requirement for the bishop to appoint a Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO) with responsibility in the diocese, independent of the bishop, for professional leadership on and management of safeguarding matters. The Canon also provides for the professional supervision of DSOs and for the quality assurance of their work by the National Safeguarding Team. The changes will come into force diocese by diocese upon certification by the Archbishops' Council.

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| 14. | TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED DEANERY SYNOD RULES TO ALIGN WITH THE CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES 2022
Stephen Taylor | Appendix F |
| 15. | NOTIFICATION OF AN ELECTION FOR A GENERAL SYNOD CASUAL VACANCY IN THE HOUSE OF LAITY
Stephen Taylor | |
| 16. | MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
To Receive Members Questions and Answers
Chair | Appendix G |
| 17. | ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO DIOCESAN SYNOD
To Note the Timings for the Election of Members to Diocesan Synod for the next Triennium
Stephen Taylor | |

In 2024 we will have elections for the next triennium. The instructions for the elections will be circulated after 31st May.

The elections must be completed by 15th July.

An elected member holds office for a term of three years beginning 1st August 2024.

Numbers to be elected by deaneries will be:

HOUSE OF CLERGY	DEANERY	HOUSE OF LAITY
4	Ashford	4
3	Dover	3
5	Elham	5
4	Romney & Tenterden	5
5	Sandwich	4
8	Canterbury	4
2	East Bridge	4
4	Reculver	4
8	Thanet	7
2	Stour Downs	3
4	Maidstone	4
3	North Downs	4
2	Ospringe	4
5	Sittingbourne	4
3	Weald	5

18. DATES OF 2024 MEETINGS FOR NOTING:

Saturday 16 March 9:30-15:00

Wednesday 3 July 18:30-21:00

Saturday 16 November 09:30-15:00

CONCLUSION OF FORMAL BUSINESS

12:30 HRS

LUNCH – Synod Members are invited to bring their own lunches. Tea and Coffee will be provided

13:15 HRS

FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

Our Diocesan Synod is scheduled the Saturday after General Synod and we would like to create space for Diocesan Synod members to reflect, discuss and consider how the national LLF debate affects us in our diocese, deaneries and our parishes. Our external facilitator, the Revd Dr Mark Betson* will circulate reports from General Synod with a summary of the debate and any decisions made.

Synod Business will conclude before lunch and this session will not be part of formal proceedings and will be for Diocesan Synod members only there will be no motions nor voting. The small-table discussions will be facilitated by skilled individuals who will ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak, should they wish to do so, and will be guided by the Pastoral Principles.

**Appendix H(i)
and H(ii)**

*** The Revd Dr Mark Betson**

Mark has worked in the National Church Institutions (NCIs) for the last 5 years and in parish ministry 10 years prior to that in the Diocese of Chichester. He works in the Faith and Public Life department as a National Public Policy Advisor providing support for the Church in its various national roles with issues of public policy and ethics. From March 2023 Mark was seconded to the role of Project Director for Living in Love and Faith (LLF) to coordinate the work of implementing the motion that was agreed by General Synod in February 2023 following the debate on LLF. This has included resourcing meetings of the College and House of Bishops to discuss key decisions for LLF going forward, the debate at the July meeting of General Synod and meetings of working and stakeholder groups to support this process. Mark works with colleagues across the NCIs in areas of theology, law, liturgy and ministry in delivering this work.

15:30 HRS

MEETING CONCLUDES