



DIOCESAN SYNOD

AGENDA

7 March 2020

St Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood

PROGRAMME

Coffee	9:00am
First Session	9:30am
Coffee and Cake	11:25am
Second Session	11:45am
Depart	12:55pm

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Documents for the meeting are available in large print on request to the Diocesan Office prior to the date of the Synod.
- An induction loop system will be available at the Synod. Please make yourself known to a member of the Diocesan Office Staff on arrival if you wish to make use of this facility.
- The church is accessible by wheelchair. If you have any other special requirements, please contact the Diocesan Office and we will try to accommodate your needs at the venue.

INFORMATION

Tea/Coffee – Tea and coffee will be provided. If you are the proud owner of a reusable cup, please bring it with you!

St Andrew's Church is situated at **Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood, Kent, TN12 6DZ** ([map here](#)). There is limited parking on site, but there is parking in the town, and the station is also just a short 10-minute walk from the church. Members are encouraged to use public transport (check out your options here: <https://kentconnected.org/>) or to car share wherever possible.

Lost Property – The Diocese cannot accept responsibility for the loss of any property during the time of the Synod.

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SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2020

(St Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood)

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9:00am **COFFEE ON ARRIVAL**

MRS SARAH POOLE IN THE CHAIR

9:30am **1. Welcome, Opening Worship and Presidential Address**

10:15am **2. Care for Creation**

The Rev Canon Mark Barker to MOVE that:-

"This Synod agrees that the Diocese of Rochester should register as an Eco Diocese and work towards the Bronze Award, as an initial response to the General Synod report [GS 2159 Climate Emergency and Carbon Reduction Target](#) and the subsequent motion for all parts of the Church of England to work to achieve year-on-year reductions in emissions and urgently examine what would be required to reach net zero emissions by 2030 in order that a plan of action can be drawn up to achieve that target."

10:35am **3. Sports Evangelism**

To receive a presentation on Sports Evangelism and our involvement with the national initiative as a pilot diocese.

10:50am **4. Safeguarding**

The Archdeacon of Tonbridge to report.

11:20am **5. Notices**

11:25am **COFFEE AND CAKE**

THE REV CANON ALYSON DAVIE IN THE CHAIR

11:45am **6. Vocations**

To receive a presentation from the Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

- 12:15am **7. CRF and DLF Policies and Guidelines**
- To note the Church Repair Fund and Diocesan Loan Fund Policies and Guidelines.
- 12:20am **8. Parish Offers Update**
- The Finance Director to report.
- 12:30am **9. Time for Questions**
- Any questions should be submitted in writing to the Diocesan Secretary no later than first post on **Friday 28 February 2020.**
- 12:40am **10. General Synod Report**
- The Rev Canon Angus MacLeay to report on the February 2020 sessions of General Synod.
- 12:55pm **DEPART**

FOR INFORMATION

The following are for members' information. There will be no discussion at the meeting but, if you have any questions, do please be in touch with the relevant diocesan officer.

(a) Bishop's Council Reports

Reports of the business meetings held on 20 November 2019 and 6 February 2020.

(b) General Synod Report

Report of the February 2020 sessions.

(c) Dates of Future Meetings

- (i) **Tuesday 7 July 2020** (Evening – commencing with Evensong at the Cathedral at 5:30pm, then buffet supper and meeting at Bishopscourt)
- (ii) **Saturday 10 October 2020** (All Day – St John's Church, Beckenham)