



Diocese of Bristol

## Introductory note for the Diocesan Synod, 7 September 2022

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### To: Diocesan Synod members

Please find enclosed the agenda and papers for Diocesan Synod at St Michael's Church Centre, North Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 8PD.

You will note that the papers include draft minutes of the June 2022 meeting. If you have any comments about those minutes, please do send them to [synod@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:synod@bristoldiocese.org) by Tuesday 30 August.

This meeting is largely formed of **two parts**.

The **first** part is about Transforming Church. Together (TCT) during which the final strategy will be presented. The Synod will then have opportunity to ask questions about the strategy before being asked to adopt it.

The **second** part of the meeting will cover the draft budget for 2023. This item is for Synod to note and to ask any questions. The Synod will debate the approval of expenditure for the proposed budget at its meeting in November.

## 0. Agenda, Diocesan Synod

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**Date:** 7 September 2022  
**Time:** 7.00pm-8.40pm (coffee from 6:30)  
**Venue:** St Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford, North Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 8PD

|                                    |   | Papers | Led by                                       | Time   |
|------------------------------------|---|--------|--|--------|
| 1.                                 | Opening worship   |        | Laura Thomas                                 | 7.00pm |
| <b>Diocesan Synod</b>              |   |        |  |        |
| <i>Bruce Fynamore in the Chair</i> |   |        |  |        |
| 2.                                 | Welcome<br>Minutes of last meeting, apologies                               | Y      | Bruce Fynamore                               | 7.15pm |
| 3.                                 | Appointment of the members of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Limited |        | Bruce Fynamore                               | 7.18pm |
| 4.                                 | Bishop's Address  |        | Bishop Viv                                   | 7.20pm |
| 5.                                 | Transforming Church. Together<br>Final Strategy                             | Y      | Richard Leaman<br>Jane Vause<br>Neil Warwick | 7.25pm |
| 6.                                 | Draft Bristol DBF Budget 2023   | Y      | Richard Bacon<br>Andrew Lucas                | 8.15pm |
| 7.                                 | Blessing and close  |        | Bishop Viv                                   | 8.35pm |

### **Next Diocesan Synod**

19 November (9.30am-3.30pm) at Pattern Church, Swindon.

### **Proposed motions for debate**

5: The Ven Neil Warwick (Archdeacon of Bristol) to move:

that this Synod prayerfully adopts the Transforming Church. Together strategy, as the basis for the values and missional priorities of our diocese for the next 5 years.

## **NOTES**

### **a) BUSINESS**

No business other than that specified on the Agenda shall be introduced except by the President or an urgent matter by any member who previously obtains the special sanction of the President.

### **b) ATTENDANCE**

On arrival, members should indicate their attendance on the deanery lists. Apologies for absence may be sent to the Secretary via [emma.bakewell@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:emma.bakewell@bristoldiocese.org).

### **c) QUESTION TIME**

Questions may be submitted in writing to the Secretary seven days in advance of the meeting and written answers will be provided and spoken to. Members may ask up to two original questions and may ask one supplementary question in respect of each original question. With a larger Synod, written questions and supplementary questions to them are prioritised and as many as possible will be addressed within the 10 minutes set aside. Verbal questions will be allowed if there is time.

Questions should relate to the duties of an officer or the business of the body concerned and should not ask for an opinion or the solution of either an abstract legal question or a hypothetical problem.

### **d) VISITORS**

Visitors are welcome to attend. Please let Emma Bakewell know. Visitors are welcome to participate in small group discussions but have no vote or voice in debate and the proceedings.

### **e) INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM AND DISABLED ACCESS**

An induction loop system is available at Synod meetings. If you wish to use this facility, please speak to the Secretary on arrival. If you require disabled access of special facilities, please let the Secretary know in advance.

### **f) REFRESHMENTS**

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available on arrival.

### **g) DIRECTIONS & CAR PARKING**

Please see attached.