



## Introductory note for the Diocesan Synod, 11 June 2022

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### To: Diocesan Synod members

Please find enclosed the agenda and papers for the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd (DBF) and Diocesan Synod at Holy Trinity Church, Broad Croft, Bradley Stoke, BS32 0BD.

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

The **first** part is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd where, as members of the company, you will be asked to elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the DBF and to vote on two motions proposed by the Chair, Andrew Lucas. Please take time to read the circulated Annual Report and Financial Statements, which provides both a numerical and discursive record of how the DBF fared in 2021.

If you have any technical questions about the contents of the Annual Report and Financial Statements, please email [synod@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:synod@bristoldiocese.org) before the meeting and we will seek to provide an answer.

The **second** part of the meeting will cover more routine business and will include reports from the most recent meetings of the Bishop's Council / Board of Directors / DMPC and a Motion from Bristol West Deanery.

The **third** part of the meeting will focus on the continuing work of the *Transforming Church. Together* (TCT) strategy development process and having considered the draft strategy in March, at this meeting Diocesan Synod members will be asked to give formal approval to the new Diocesan Strategy.

The **final** part of the meeting will engage Synod in exploring Living in Love and Faith, as the whole Church journeys together in learning, listening and discerning how and what questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage need to be addressed in the life of the Church.



## Agenda, Diocesan Synod

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**Date:** Saturday 11 June 2022

**Time:** 9.30am to 1.00pm

**Venue:** Holy Trinity Church, Broad Croft, Bradley Stoke, BS32 0BD

		Papers	Led by	Time
Opening worship			Revd Alice Kemp	9.30am
<b>Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd</b>				
<i>Bishop of Bristol in the Chair</i>				
1.	Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd for the period until the AGM 2025.	Y		9.45am
<i>The Chair of the Board of Finance in the Chair</i>				
2.	The Directors' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	Y	Andrew Lucas	9.50am
<i>The Chair of the Board of Finance to propose: that the BDBF receives and adopts the Directors' Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Limited for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.</i>				
3.	Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021			
<i>The Chair of the Board to propose: that the BDBF appoints Mazars LLP as auditors for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.</i>				
<b>Diocesan Synod</b>				
<i>Revd Trudie Wigley in the Chair</i>				
4.	Introductions, welcomes Minutes of the last Meeting, Apologies	Y		10.00am
5.	Appointment of the members of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Limited			
6.	Bishop's Address		Bishop Viv	10.05am
7.	Bishop's Council, Board of Directors, DMPC report	Y	Alison Rowe	10.20am

		<b>Papers</b>	<b>Led by</b>	<b>Time</b>
8.	Safeguarding Annual Report (to note)	Y	Caroline Jowett-Ive	10.25am
9.	Bristol West Deanery Motion	Y	Andy Murray	10.30am
10.	Question Time			10.45am
Coffee				10.55am
<i>Bruce Fynamore in the Chair</i>				
11.	Transforming Church Together Strategy presentation and discussion.	Y	Richard Leaman, Christopher Bryan and Neil Warwick	11.15am
12.	Living in Love and Faith (LLF) Engagement		Bishop Lee, Minty Hull and Chris Dobson	12.15pm
13.	Blessing and close		Bishop Viv	1.00pm

**Dates and times of 2022 meetings:**

7 September (7.00pm – 9.00pm)

19 November (9.30am-3.30pm)

**Proposed motions for debate**

7: Alison Rowe to move:

that this report be received.

9: Revd Andy Murray to move:

that this Synod recognises the need to take urgent and immediate action at a parish, diocese and national church level, in order to achieve the Church of England's NetZero Carbon targets by 2030. We affirm the national church and diocesan work currently underway regarding these targets. In addition, we commend the proposals outlined in the 'Bristol West Deanery NetZero Carbon (March 2022)' paper and we therefore call upon the Diocese of Bristol to formally consider the proposals and recommendations contained within the above paper with a view to identifying a programme of support targeted at parish level.

## **NOTES**

### **1. 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.

### **2. ATTENDANCE**

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

### **3. 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.

### **4. VISITORS**

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

### **5. 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.

### **6. REFRESHMENTS**

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available from 9.00am and mid morning.

### **7. DIRECTIONS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT & CAR PARKING**

Please see attached.