

Introductory note for the Diocesan Synod, 19 March 2022

To: Diocesan Synod members

Please find enclosed the agenda and papers for the Diocesan Synod at Holy Trinity Church, Broad Croft, Bradley Stoke, BS32 0BD.

This meeting of Diocesan Synod falls into two halves.

The first half will focus on the continuing work of the *Transforming Church. Together* (TCT) strategy development process and at this meeting Diocesan Synod members will get the opportunity to consider the first draft iteration of a new outline strategy for the Diocese.

The second half will cover more routine business and will include reports from the most recent meetings of General Synod and the Bishop's Council / Board of Directors / DMPC. Under the Bishop's Council report item, Synod members will be asked to consider proposed Church Representation Rules (CRR) schemes for the Pattern Church in Swindon and St Nicholas, Bristol.

In addition, Diocesan Synod will be asked to consider proposed changes to the constitution of the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) and proclaim as an Act of Synod the Vacancy in Sees Committee Regulation 1993 in the form it takes following its amendment at last July's group of sessions.

Time will also be given to the introduction of a potential proposal from Bristol South Deanery. However we understand that Bristol South do not want the proposal to be debated, but instead will ask for it to be deferred for 12 months. This is because of the timing and relevance of the ongoing TCT process to the proposal.



Agenda, Diocesan Synod

Date: Saturday 19 March 2022

Time: 9.30am to 1.00pm

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

		Papers	Led by	Time
Opening worship			Chris Dursley	9.30am
Diocesan Synod				
<i>Revd Trudie Wigley in the Chair</i>				
1.	Introductions and Welcomes			9.45am
2.	Bishop's Address		Bishop Viv	9.50am
3.	<i>Transforming Church. Together</i> (part 1) Outline strategy	Y	Richard Leaman, Christopher Bryan and Neil Warwick	10.05am
<i>Coffee</i>				10.45am
4.	<i>Transforming Church. Together</i> (part 2) Outline strategy		Richard Leaman, Christopher Bryan and Neil Warwick	11.05am
<i>Bruce Finnamore in the Chair</i>				
5.	Introduction to a potential proposal from Bristol South Deanery – to be noted	Y		11.45am
6.	General Synod report	Y	Kat Campion-Spall	11.50pm
7.	Bishop's Council, Board of Directors, DMPC report - Including CRR Scheme for Pattern Church and St Nicholas Bristol	Y	David Clarke	12.00pm
8.	Question Time - Including written question on LLF			12.15pm
9.	Act of Synod - the Vacancy in Sees Committee Regulation 1993	Y		12.25pm
10.	DBE Scheme	Y	Bishop Lee	12.30pm
11.	Blessing and close		Bishop Viv	12.55pm

Dates and times of 2022 meetings:

11 June (9.30am-1.00pm)

19 November (9.30am-3.30pm)

Proposed motions for debate

4: Bishop Viv to move:

that this Synod gives approval in principle to the draft strategic plan for the Diocese of Bristol (as presented) and its direction of travel, subject to further work and final approval by Diocesan Synod in June 2022.

6: Kat Campion-Spall to move:

that this report be received.

7: David Clarke to move:

that (a) this report be received and (b) the Church Representation Rules (CRR) Schemes for St Nicholas Bristol BMO and Pattern Church Swindon BMO are approved.

9: The Chair to proclaim:

that at the Group of Sessions of the General Synod held at Westminster in November 2021 the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 in the form it takes following its amendment in July 2021 was formally affirmed and proclaimed as an Act of Synod. An Act of Synod is the embodiment of the will or opinion of the Church of England as expressed by the whole body of the General Synod. Copies of the Instrument proclaiming and affirming the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation as an Act of Synod have been sent to members of this Synod.

10: Bishop Lee to move:

that conditional on the proposed scheme being certified by the Archbishop's Council in accordance with s.23(1), the scheme will be made on the date on the certificate on which the scheme comes into operation. The date of operation is 1st September 2022.

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.

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.