



Diocese of Bristol

Introductory Diocesan Synod, 9 October 2024 - Agenda

To: Diocesan Synod members

Please find enclosed the agenda and papers for Diocesan Synod on 9 October 2024 at St Michael's Centre, North Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 8PD.

This meeting is solely an induction for our new Diocesan Synod. Broadly, it will involve a number of briefs on the strategy (and Synod's role in delivering it), an opportunity to build relationships, and an explanation of the process for the elections of Chairs and Bishop's Council, and the commissioning of members.

If you have any questions, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact governance.support@bristoldiocese.org.



Agenda, Diocesan Synod – Introductory Meeting

Date: 9 October 2024

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm (coffee from 6.30pm)

Venue: St Michael's Centre, North Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 8PD.

Topic		Abbr eviat ion	Papers	Led by	Time
	Worship			Ms Laura Thomas, Diocesan Synod Member	19:00
Diocesan Synod					
<i>The Rt Revd Neil Warwick, Bishop of Swindon</i>					
1.	Welcome	I		The Rt Revd Neil Warwick, Bishop of Swindon	19:10
2.	Getting to know each other 2.1 Introductions to neighbours 2.1 Table discussion: "why did I stand for Diocesan Synod?"	D&A		The Rt Revd Neil Warwick, Bishop of Swindon	19:25
3.	Diocesan Synod – how it works 3.1 How Diocesan Synod relates to other Synods 3.2 How motions, voting and Diocesan Synod processes work 3.3 Explanation that Diocesan Synod members are also Diocesan Board of Finance members	LO		Mr Christopher Jones (deputy Diocesan Registrar) and Richard Bacon (Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance)	19:40

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	3.4 How Bristol Diocesan Board of Finances work				
4.	Welcome to Chair of House of Clergy and House of Laity for Diocesan Synod who were elected unopposed 4.1 The Revd Trudie Wigley 4.2 Mr Bruce Finnamore	I		Mr Richard Leaman (CEO/Diocesan Secretary), The Revd Trudie Wigley (Chair of the House of Clergy) and Mr Bruce Finnamore (Chair of the House of Laity)	20:00
5.	Elections Brief	I	5.1	Mr Richard Leaman (CEO/Diocesan Secretary)	20:10
	5.1 Election Brief				
	5.2 Vacancy in See Committee Candidate statements	LO	5.2		
	5.3 Vacancy in See – Bristol Clergy – Voting paper	LO	5.3		
	5.4 Vacancy in See – Malmesbury Clergy – Voting paper	LO	5.4		
	5.5 Vacancy in See – Bristol Laity – Voting paper	LO	5.5		
	5.6 Vacancy in See – Malmesbury Laity – Voting paper	LO	5.6		
6.	Transforming Church. Together Update	I	6.1	Mr Rob Mountain (Director of Transformation)	20:25
7.	Commissioning of Diocesan Synod members	LO		The Rt Revd Neil Warwick, Bishop of Swindon	20:35

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8.	Blessing and Close			The Rt Revd Neil Warwick, Bishop of Swindon	20:45

Proposed motions for debate

None

Upcoming Synods:

Saturday 23 November 2024 –Pattern Church, Penzance Drive, Swindon, SN5 7JL

Saturday 22 March 2025 – Pattern Church, Penzance Drive, Swindon, SN5 7JL

Saturday 14 June 2025 – Pattern Church, Penzance Drive, Swindon, SN5 7JL

Saturday 15 November 2025 – St Michael's Centre, North Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 8PD.

Diocesan Synod legend

Purpose: to outline the functions of Synod (with abbreviations), and for those abbreviations to be used against each agenda item.

Function	
Article 8 decisions passed down by General Synod, or fulfilling Synod's statutory legal obligations	LO
Decisions	D
Discussion, and advice to the Bishop	D&A
Information to enable Diocesan Synod members to be advocates in a particular area of Diocesan business	I