

**Coventry Diocesan Synod  
14 November 2020**

The agenda for a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Synod, which will be on Saturday 14 November 2020, at 10am via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600096706?pwd=VmlMVTBzYnNrajB3VVdJOUZCY1I4Zz09>  
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**Agenda**

The opening of the meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Coventry, under the Standing Orders 2009.

*The President, The Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth, the Bishop of Coventry to take the Chair*

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Welcome and opening prayer</b>  | <i>10am</i>    |
|          | The Bishop of Coventry to welcome the Synod and open with prayer.                                      |                |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Apologies and notices</b>   |                |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Minutes (DS 20/13)</b>  |                |
|          | To approve the minutes of the Diocesan Synod meeting on 23 June 2020                                   |                |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Presidential address</b>  | <i>10.05am</i> |
|          | The Bishop of Coventry to address the Diocesan Synod.  |                |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Introduction of the new Director of Education</b>   | <i>10:20am</i> |
|          | The Bishop of Coventry to introduce April Gold as the new Director of the Diocesan Board of Education. |                |

*The Chair of the House of Laity to take the Chair*

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| <b>6</b> | <b>Whole Diocese Strategy - growing the heart of England, a strategy for growth (DS 20/14a &amp;b)</b>  | <i>10.30am</i> |
|          | The Bishop of Coventry to propose a motion in respect of the "Whole Diocese Strategy - growing the heart of England, a strategy for growth", as set out in page 3 of DS 20/14a. |                |

A motion to suspend the Standing Orders, to enable a discussion on the following item. Then the Standing Orders to be reinstated to enable the motion to be put forward on item 7.

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| <b>7</b> | <b>2021 Budget and long term forecast for the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance (DS 20/15)</b>  | <i>11am</i> |
|          | The Chair of the Board of Finance to introduce and to propose the motion:<br>"that this Synod:   |             |
|          | I. receives and approves the 2021 budget, noting the release of historic unapplied return to fund the planned activity                               |             |
|          | II. in particular the Training and Development budget with net expenditure of £1,482,898 and   |             |
|          | III. a resolution to authorise general funds expenditure in 2021 up to a maximum of £9,962,358 and special funds expenditure of no more than £2.3m". |             |

*The Chair of the House of Clergy to take the Chair*

A motion to suspend the Standing Orders, to enable a discussion on the following item. Then Standing Orders to be reinstated to go back into formal session after item 8.

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| <b>8</b> | <b>Chaplaincy (DS 20/16)</b>   | <i>11.30am</i> |
|          | Archdeacon Sue Field to present a current overview of Chaplaincy within the diocese. Sue will be joined by Reverend. Simon Betteridge, Lead Chaplain at UHCW and Mrs Rosemary Lowdon, Chaplain at Rye Hill Prison. |                |

- 9 Appointments (DS 20/17)** 11:40am  
The Diocesan Synod to note the appointment of the newly elected members to the Diocesan Board of Education and to approve the appointment of the new trustee to the Chapel of Unity.
- 10 Deanery representation and Elections 2021** 11:45am  
The Diocesan Secretary, Ruth Marlow to:
- Propose the size of the Diocesan Synod membership and deanery representation on the Diocesan Synod **(DS 20/18)**
  - Propose the representation of Urban Hope in Coventry North Deanery **(DS 20/19)**
  - Draw members attention to the timings for the election of the new Diocesan Synod, Bishop's Council and the General Synod in 2021 **(DS 20/20)**
- 11 Promulgation of the Act of Synod in respect of the Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing** 12pm  
The Act of Synod will be proclaimed the Diocesan Registrar.
- 12 Parsonages Management Scheme (DS 20/21)**  
The Diocesan Synod to approve the change to the Parsonages Management Scheme, as outlined by the Diocesan Secretary.
- 13 New diocesan scheme for Quinquennial Inspections (DS 20/22)**  
The Diocesan Synod to approve the new diocesan scheme for Quinquennial Inspections, as outlined by the Diocesan Secretary.
- 14 A motion proposed by Sam Margrave on Christian entrepreneurship.** 12.15pm  
*"That this Synod:*  
*(a) call on the Bishop's Council to establish a task force to examine whether an enterprise fund to support parishes, dioceses and church members to develop entrepreneurial activities that generate income to fund mission and ministry, can be set up, and*  
*(b) outline other support the DBF will give to support the vocation of Christian entrepreneurship".*
- 15 Questions from the Diocesan Synod under Standing Order 69.** 12:25pm  
Questions and responses will be received ahead of the meeting and circulated to the members.
- 16 Date of next meetings in 2021** 12:30pm  
To note that the meetings of the Synod next year will be:-
- Saturday 20 March 2021 (morning)
  - Tuesday 22 June 2021 (evening)
  - Saturday 20 November 2021 (morning)
- Bishop of Coventry to take the Chair*
- 17 Closing prayers and meeting concludes** 12:35pm