

**Coventry Diocesan Synod
19 March 2022**

The agenda for a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Synod, which will be on Saturday 19 March 2022 at 9.30am at the Best Western Plus Manor Hotel, Main Road, Meriden CV7 7NH.

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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| 1 | Opening prayer | <i>9.30am</i> |
| | The Bishop of Coventry to welcome the Synod and open with prayer. | |
| 2 | Welcome, notices and apologies for absence | |
| 3 | Minutes (DS 22/02) | |
| | To approve the minutes of the Diocesan Synod meeting on 20 November 2021. | |
| 4 | Presidential address | |
| | The Bishop of Coventry in conversation with the Diocesan Synod. | |
| 5 | Introductions | |
| | The Bishop of Coventry to introduce:
Karen Morris as new President of Mothers' Union. | |

The Chair of the House of Laity to take the Chair

A motion to suspend the Standing Orders, to enable a discussion

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| 6 | Whole Diocese Strategy (DS 22/03) | <i>9.45am</i> |
| | Chris Edwards to present an update on the schools' contribution to delivering diocesan strategy. | |
| 7 | Diocesan Growth Strategy update (DS 22/04) | <i>10.10am</i> |
| 8 | Living in Love and Faith | <i>10.20am</i> |
| | Discussion and reflection of the material provided by LLF Next Steps Group.
Video followed by break out into small groups to discuss and feed back. | |

<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>10.55am</i>
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Standing Orders reinstated

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| 9 | Financing net zero in DBF property (DS 22/05) | <i>11.10am</i> |
| | Synod to receive a report from Bishop's Council on planning and financing the journey to net zero for DBF property. | |
| 10 | A motion proposed by Phil Helmsley on the CO₂ footprint of Diocesan properties | <i>11.20am</i> |
| | That this Synod: <i>"requires that whenever Diocesan property, be that clergy housing or other Diocesan property is renovated, it shall use all reasonable endeavours to include the latest CO₂ reduction technologies in line with the Church of England Synod motion. This synod also require</i> | |

that when purchasing new build property, it shall include the latest CO2 reduction technology with the target of achieving a net zero CO2 footprint. Where older housing is acquired all reasonable endeavours shall be used to achieve a net zero CO2 footprint.”

11 A motion proposed by Phil Helmsley on increasing the limit of Church Improvement Fund grants to enable net zero projects to be funded 11.30am

Recognising the urgency of the climate crisis this Synod: “require that the Diocesan Church Improvements Fund funding limit for net zero projects is increased to £25,000.” (Noting that the Church improvement fund already includes net zero projects.)

12 Safeguarding annual report (DS 22/06) 11.40am

The Diocesan Synod to receive the annual Safeguarding report.

The Chair of the House of Clergy to take the Chair

13 Amended Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 - Act of Synod (DS 22/07) 11.55am

Act of Synod instrument affirming and proclaiming the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993, as amended, to be promulgated.

14 Diocesan Trustees (DS 22/08) 12.00pm

Diocesan Synod to appoint Diocesan Trustees.

15 Diocesan Board of Education Casual Vacancy (DS 22/09) 12.05pm

Synod to approve the terms and conditions of an election to fill a casual vacancy on the Diocesan Board of Education.

16 Amendments to Standing Orders for Diocesan Synod (DS 22/10) 12.10pm

Synod to receive a recommendation from Bishop’s Council that they adopt changes to the wording of the Standing Orders of Diocesan Synod in order to make them gender neutral.

17 Questions from the Diocesan Synod under Standing Order 69. (DS 22/11) 12.15pm

Questions and responses will be received ahead of the meeting and circulated to the members

18 Date of next meetings in 2022 12.20pm

To note the meetings of the Synod this year:-

- Tuesday 21 June 2022 (evening)
- Saturday 19 November 2022 (morning)

Bishop of Coventry to take the Chair

19 Closing prayers and meeting concludes 12.25pm