

**Coventry Diocesan Synod  
20 November 2021**

This is the agenda for a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Synod, which will be on Saturday 20 November 2021 at 9.15am at St Andrew's, Church Lane, Shotton, CV37 9HQ.

**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>  | 9.15am  |
|          | The Bishop of Coventry to welcome the Synod and open with a celebration of the Eucharist |         |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Apologies and notices</b>   | 10.00am |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Minutes (DS 21/17)</b>  |         |
|          | To approve the minutes of the Diocesan Synod meeting on 22 June 2021                     |         |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Diocesan vision</b>   | 10.05am |
|          | The Bishop of Coventry to share his vision for the next five years.                      |         |

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

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| <b>5</b> | <b>Introduction to a new Diocesan Synod</b>   | 10.20am |
|          | The Chair of Clergy to speak to the new Diocesan Synod regarding the framework of how Synod works and outlining key aims, purpose and responsibilities. |         |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Whole Diocese Strategy (DS 21/18)</b>  | 10.35am |
|          | Members of the Synod to discuss the strategy in small groups followed by a short plenary session.   |         |

*Coffee break* 11.05am

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| <b>7</b> | <b>2022 Budget and long term forecast for the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance (DS 21/19)</b>   | 11.20am |
|          | The Chair of the Board of Finance to introduce and to move the motion: <i>“that this Synod:</i>   |         |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Approve the 2022 budget, noting the release of historic funds in 2021 and 2022 to fund the planned activities</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>In particular the Training and Development budget for net expenditure of £1,570,814</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Pass a resolution to authorise expenditure in 2022 up to a maximum of £11,067,865</i></b></li> </ul> |         |

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| <b>8</b> | <b>Diocesan Board of Education Measure 2020 – approval of a new Scheme for the DBE (DS21/20)</b>  | 11.50am |
|          | The Chair of the Board of Education to introduce and move the motion that;  |         |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>This Synod approves the draft Scheme under the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 2021 (‘the Measure’).</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>This Synod resolves that it is ready to make the Scheme, conditional on it being certified by the Archbishops’ Council in accordance with s.23(1) of the Measure and that the Scheme will come into effect on the date specified in the certificate.</i></b></li> </ul> |         |

## **Diocesan Board of Education Members Election Resolution (DS 21/21)**

The Chair of the Board of Education to introduce and move the motion that this Synod resolves that;

- 1) The advert attached at Appendix 1 will be issued to Synod Members and be published on the Diocesan Website.**
- 2) The nomination window will run for 14 days commencing on the 22nd November 2021.**
- 3) Candidates should complete the Nomination Form. A proposer and seconder should sign the form.**
- 4) The Diocesan Synod shall elect a minimum of four and not more than five persons, and one of whom shall be a clerk in holy orders or licensed in the diocese, but none of whom need be members of the Diocesan Synod.**
- 5) If more than 5 persons stand for election Synod members will vote for candidates. The election period will run for 14 days commencing on the 8th December 2021.**
- 6) Votes for candidates who are either a clerk in holy orders or licensed in the diocese shall be counted first and the candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected.**
- 7) The remaining candidates who are either a clerk in holy orders or licensed in the diocese will then be added to the other candidates and the 4 candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected.**
- 8) Candidates will begin a 3 year term of office on the 1st January 2022, to end on 31st December 2024.**

## **9 Report on the progress of the Diocese of Coventry to achieve Net Zero carbon Emissions by 2030 ( DS 21/22)** 12.00pm

Members of the Synod to note the progress set out in the report.

## **10 Questions from the Diocesan Synod under Standing Order 69.** 12.10pm

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

Questioners may ask one supplementary question from the floor in respect of each such original question.

## **11 Date of meetings in 2022** 12:20pm

To note that the meetings of the Synod next year will be:-

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

*Bishop of Coventry to take the Chair*

## **12 Closing prayers and meeting concludes** 12:40pm