



Newcastle Diocesan Synod

20th October 2018

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod will be held on
Saturday 20th October at 10:00am at St Nicholas Cathedral
Newcastle NE1 1PF**

The Synod will begin with a Eucharist in the Cathedral at 10:00am. The meeting itself will be held in the Refectory after the Eucharist and is scheduled to finish by **1:00pm**. Registration and refreshments will be available in the Refectory **from 9:15am**.

President: The Rt Revd Christine Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome from the President** *followed by*
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Declaration of interests**
- 4. Election of Clergy and Lay Chairs**

Under Standing Order 5 the House of Clergy and the House of Laity is each required to elect a chair. Those elected are Vice Presidents (commonly known as the Clergy Chair and the Lay Chair). It is custom for the election to take place at the first meeting of the Synod.

Any member wishing to stand for election must have a proposer and a seconder. A Member who wishes to stand for election should notify the Diocesan Secretary before the meeting commences.

- 5. Minutes of previous meeting**

- 4.1 Meeting held on 28th April 2018 **(Paper DS18 13)**
 - 4.2 Matters arising

- 6. Notices**

- 7. Questions**

Questions submitted by members in advance of the meeting will be taken here.

- 8. Safeguarding** **(Paper DS18 22)**

The paper DS18 22 which supports this item contains a number of links to National Policy and Practice Guidance published by the Church of England at

www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding and included within the Newcastle Diocesan website at www.newcastle.anglican.org/safeguarding

The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser will lead this item of business and the Synod will be invited to adopt the recommendations included with DS18 22 and to note the practice guidance which informs safeguarding practice within the diocese.



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9. Proposed Budget 2019

(Paper DS18 14)

For this item of business members of the Synod sit as members of the Diocesan Board of Finance.

The proposed budget for 2019 is set out in paper DS18 14 and this includes the proposed allocation of parish share to the deaneries. The budget proposal is offered in light of the budget consultation which was supported by paper DS18 11 issued in July.

The Chair of the Board of Finance, Canon Simon Harper, will present the budget proposals followed by an opportunity for members to ask questions of clarification before the item is opened for debate. Canon Harper will respond to the debate before moving his proposal.

Canon Simon Harper, the Chair of the Board of Finance, to propose:

that the Synod, sitting as the Diocesan Board of Finance, resolve as follows:

(a) that the budget be approved; or

(b) that the budget be referred back to the Standing Committee

10. Appointment of Honorary Assistant Bishop

In accordance with the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 (s13) the Diocesan Synod is asked to approve the appointment of the Rt Revd Mark Bryant as an Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Newcastle.

11. Deanery Synod Motion

Diocesan Synod members from Bedlington Deanery will propose the following motion passed by the Bedlington Deanery Synod.

This Synod recognises that the Diocesan Board of Finance (the Board) is required to submit annually to the Diocesan Synod a budget showing the estimated expenditure of the Board for the following year together with proposals for raising the money required to meet the estimated expenditure. The raising of such monies include sums known as parish shares which every parish in the Diocese is asked to contribute not as a debt which is demanded, but as a voluntary offering which is expected. The Board is required to apportion the amount to be received by way of parish share to the deaneries using the method as the Diocesan Synod shall have approved. This Synod, recognising the method for apportioning the sums to deaneries was last revised by the Diocesan Synod in 1994, requests the Diocesan Synod to carry out a review with Deanery Synods, of the method for apportioning parish share.

The Bedlington representatives will present the motion which will be followed by an opportunity for members to ask questions of clarification before the item is opened for debate. Bedlington representatives will respond to the debate before moving the motion requesting that the Diocesan Synod arranges to carry out a review with the Deanery Synods of the method for apportioning parish share.

12. Closing Prayer and Dismissal



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Future meetings of the Diocesan Synod in 2018

Saturday 24 Nov (10:00 to 13:00) at this stage, an Open Synod Forum

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BY THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE

Ecumenical Observers

By invitation of the President, observers representing the Methodist, Roman Catholic and United Reformed Churches and the Salvation Army can attend the meetings of the Synod. They also have the permission of the Chairman to address the Synod, but they have no right to move any motion or amendment or to vote.

Standing Orders

The current Standing Orders are available to members on request.

In view of the infrequency with which reference is made to Standing Orders, the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee has advised the Chairman of the Synod that it would be appropriate for the proceedings of the Synod to be interrupted and for the Orders to be checked before a ruling is given.

Members' attention is drawn to the fact that the lectern is provided for the benefit of speakers named on the agenda. Members of the Synod who are called to speak during a debate are asked to do so from the microphones in the body of the meeting.

Length of Speeches

The Chair has authority to limit the duration of speeches at their discretion. Following the advice of the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee, the Chair will normally allow an opening speaker 15 minutes and will limit other speeches to 10 minutes.

The time limit for a proposer to respond to a debate is ten minutes. The Standing Committee's advice is that there is no procedural need, nor one of etiquette, to respond to all speakers or points.

Synod Papers

The explanatory papers circulated with Synod agenda are primarily designed to give members the factual background to motions. Argument of the case is the responsibility of the proposer at the meeting itself.

It is the Synod's policy also to offer to members who wish to submit motions and amendments arising from the agenda the facility of circulating explanatory papers. In response to a request that this arrangement be clarified, the Standing Committee has determined that:



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- (i) It is expected that such papers will also be designed primarily to set out the factual background rather than the argument.
- (ii) It is expected that they will have been prepared by member(s) concerned, rather than be publications prepared by other individuals or organisations.
- (iii) Sets of addressed envelopes can be made available to Synod members who wish to circulate papers which do not fall into either of these categories.

Motions and Amendments

The formal notice which is issued to members (and to Area Deans, Deanery Lay Chairs and Secretaries of Deanery Synods) six weeks before each meeting invites them to submit new business for the agenda. Under Standing Orders (no.26) this should be sent in writing to the Secretary and must reach the Secretary not later than 35 days before the meeting is held. Members may submit motions and amendments arising from the agenda before the meeting and, on important matters of policy, arrangements can be made as outlined above for explanatory papers to be circulated so that members can study them before the debate.

A motion or amendment can only be moved during a meeting without notice if the Chair gives permission and the text must be handed to the Secretary before it is moved. Members who have in mind the possibility of proposing an amendment during the meeting are asked whenever possible to give prior notice to the Chair and to the proposer of the motion concerned.

Question

Under Standing Orders (no.69) a question may be asked of the Secretary, the Registrar or the Chairman of any body constituted by the Synod on which it is represented. These should be sent to the Diocesan Secretary by 17th October 2018 (e-mail s.waddle@newcastle.anglican.org).

Closing Date

The closing date for motions and amendments arising from the Agenda of this meeting of Synod is 17th October 2018.