



# Newcastle Diocesan Synod

## 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod will be held on  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
**Josephine Butler Campus, Northumberland Church of  
England Academy, Ashington NE63 9RY**  
**from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
(Registration and refreshments from 9:30 am)

### AGENDA

President: The Rt Revd Christine Hardman

The meeting will be chaired by  
the Revd Canon John Sinclair (Chair of the House of Clergy)  
and Canon Carol Wolstenholme (Chair of the House of Laity)

1. **Welcome from the Chair** *followed by*  
**Opening Worship**
2. **Diocesan Synod 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016**
  - 2.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (Paper DS16 08)
  - 2.2 Matters Arising
3. **Notices**
4. **Questions**

Questions submitted by members in advance of the meeting will be taken here.
5. **Presidential Address**

The Bishop of Newcastle will address the Synod.
6. **Budget 2017** (Paper DS 16 09)

For this item of business members of the Synod are sitting as members of the Diocesan Board of Finance. The proposed budget for 2017 is set out in paper DS16 09. Canon Simon Harper will make a short presentation and there will be an opportunity for members to ask questions about the budget. Canon Harper will then make 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*



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### 7. Presentations

#### 7.1 General Synod Report

Isabella McDonald-Booth, General Synod Member, will give a report of the proceedings of the July 2016 Session of the General Synod.

***the meeting will pause for a break not later than 11:25 and will reconvene at 11:45.***

#### 7.2 Growth and Fruitfulness (Paper DS 16 10)

A presentation by the Children and Youth leaders: Judith Sadler; the Revd James Harvey and the Revd Rachel Scheffer. The presentation sets out the work of the team and the strategy 'Growth & Fruitfulness'

*Not later than 12:45*

### 8. Synodical Governance

#### 8.1 Instrument of Delegation (Paper DS 16 11)

This item is required in order that the Bishop of Newcastle may grant an Instrument of Delegation to the Bishop of Berwick to conduct episcopal functions within the diocese under the provisions of Section 13 of the Dioceses Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007.

The Chair to propose a resolution:

#### **IT IS RESOLVED THAT:**

*The Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Newcastle approves the making of an Instrument of Delegation under Section 13 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2007 by the Rt Revd Christine Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle, in favour of the Rt Revd Mark Simon Austin Tanner, Suffragan Bishop of Berwick.*

#### 8.2 Deanery Synod Elections 2017 (Paper DS 16 12)

This item is required to start the process for elections to the Deanery Synod. At each APCM in 2017 there is a need to elect representatives to serve on the Deanery Synod from 1 June 2017 for a period of three years. The Secretary to the Diocesan Synod must inform each PCC of the number of places they have on the Deanery Synod and this notice must be provided no later than 31 December 2016.

The Archdeacon of Northumberland to propose a resolution:

#### **IT IS RESOLVED THAT:**

*In accordance with Church Representation Rule 25, in respect of the election of the houses of laity of the deanery synods in 2014, this Synod determines that the number of members to be elected by the annual parochial church meetings shall be as set out in Rules for Deanery Synods 3(a).*

### 9. Worship and Close



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### **Future meetings of the Diocesan Synod in 2017**

Saturday 11 March (10:00 to 13:00) at this stage, a Synod Forum

Saturday 20 May (10:00 to 13:00) Formal meeting of the Synod

Tuesday 18 July (18:00 to 20:00) A consultative meeting about the budget

Saturday 30 Sept (10:00 to 13:00) Formal meeting of the Synod

Saturday 25 Nov (10:00 to 13:00) at this stage, a 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 Chairman has authority to limit the duration of speeches at his discretion. Following the advice of the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee, he 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.



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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:

- (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, Lay Chairmen 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 him not later than 35 days before the meeting is held. Members may submit motions and amendments arising from the agenda up to 7 days 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 Chairman 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 Chairman 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 5 days prior to the meeting on 26 November.

### **Closing Date**

The closing date for motions and amendments arising from the Agenda of this meeting of Synod is **22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**.