

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod
will be held on Saturday 7th May 2022 at 10:00am.
The meeting will be hosted using Zoom Video Conferencing.**

Joining instructions: Members and guests are asked to [use this link](#) to register in advance of the meeting. Once registered you will receive an e-mail from Zoom containing the link to join the meeting.

President: The Rt Revd Mark Wroe, Acting Bishop of Newcastle
The meeting will be chaired by the Chair of the House of Clergy, the Revd Canon Brian Hurst and the Chair of the House of Laity, Canon Izzy McDonald-Booth

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome from the Chair followed by opening worship.**
The Revd Phyl Carruthers, Assistant Curate of Bamburgh, Belford and Lucker will lead the opening worship.
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
Any member with a personal interest (direct or indirect) in a matter of business included within the agenda, should declare it at this point.
- 4. Meeting held on 13th November 2021**
 - 4.1 Minute of a meeting held on 13 November 2021 ([paper DS22 02](#))
 - 4.2 Matters arising
- 5. Notices**
- 6. Questions**
Questions from members of the Diocesan Synod submitted in advance of the meeting will be taken here.
- 7. Presidential Address**
Bishop Mark will give a Presidential Address to the Synod
- 8. Living in Love and Faith (LLF)**
Canon Izzy McDonald-Booth will lead this item which will include a presentation followed by group work using Zoom breakout rooms. The group work will be followed by prayer and a screen break before the Synod reconvenes for a plenary session to conclude the item.

The aims of this item are:

 - *To reflect on the characteristics of a 'better way' of discernment and decision-making, as suggested in the hopes of the LLF discernment and decision-making process; and*
 - *To consider how the Diocesan Synod might better embody these hopes in its way of working together.*

9. Growing Church Bringing Hope: Next Steps

The Synod will receive a report on progress with the Next Steps programme. This item will include an update on the outcomes of the Self-Review completed in Autumn 2021.

10. Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021

There are two papers for this item:

- i. *Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021* ([paper DS22 03A](#))
- ii. *Summary of Financial Statements 2021* ([paper DS22 03B](#))

For this item the members of the Diocesan Synod will sit as members of the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Chair of the Board of Finance will begin with a presentation by the Chair of the Board of Finance followed by an opportunity for members to ask questions of clarification arising from the presentation. The item will be opened for debate.

Following the debate, the Chair of the Board of Finance will propose: ‘that the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2021 be received.’

11. General Synod Report

The Synod will receive a report about the last meeting of the General Synod held in February 2022.

12. Any other business

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be the Finance Synod, an informal consultative meeting about the Diocesan Budget to help inform the budget consultation. This meeting will be held in July at a date and venue yet to be confirmed.

14. Closing prayer and dismissal

The meeting will close no later than 13:00