

**OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD**  
**Diocesan Synod Agenda**  
**on Saturday 11 June 2022 from 0915 to 1315**  
**at St James Church Centre, Oxford Road, Gerrards Cross SL9 7DJ**

*Please pay close attention to the notes contained at the end of the agenda.*

Item No.	Time	Item	Mins
	09.15	<b>Welcome and Opening Worship</b>	20
1.	09:35	<b>Notices</b>	10
2.		<b>Approval of Minutes</b> of meeting held on 12 March 2022 <b>Questions under S.O(70)</b> A written response will be available if questions are received.	
3.	09.45	<b>Annual Report and Accounts of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education</b> <i>Paper ODS 22.04</i> This report will be introduced by Mr Tony Wilson, Diocesan Director of Education, who will give a short presentation. There will be a brief opportunity for questions. The Chair to move 'That this Synod take note of the annual report and accounts of the Diocesan Board of Education'. <i>Note: The accounts are marked 'draft' but there will be no further changes to the numbers as presented and they will be signed before Synod meets.</i>	15
4.	10.00	<b>Presidential Address</b> and response The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford	25
5.	10:25	<b>Proposal for net zero work to our vicarages</b> <i>Paper ODS 22.05</i> This report will be introduced by Buildings Committee Chair, Mrs Sue Scane who will move 'That this Synod approve an amount of £10 million to be expended on a programme of environmental work to properties for which the DBF is responsible, on the basis that it will be funded without any consequential increase in parish share'.	25
6.	10.50	<b>Report of Parish Share Review Group</b> <i>Paper ODS 22.06</i> This report will be introduced by the Parish Share Review Group chair, Mrs Julie Dziegiel who will move 'That this Synod approve the implementation of the recommendations of the Parish Share Review with effect from 1 January 2023, subject to their ongoing review by the Finance Committee'.	30

	11.20	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> <i>There will be a short meeting of the House of Laity at 1120 to consider the co-optation of new lay members of Diocesan Synod.</i>	20
7.	11.40	<b>AGM of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance</b> Sir Hector Sants, Chair of the Board of Finance <i>Papers: AGM Agenda and 2021 Minutes</i> <i>Directors' Report and Financial Statements 2021</i>  Synod will adjourn for the Annual General Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (there will be a separate agenda and papers). The Synod will then reconvene.	5
8.	11.45	<b>Finance: Draft Budget 2023 and Share Apportionment Paper ODS 22.07</b> Sir Hector Sants, Chair of the Board of Finance will introduce this item. There will be an opportunity for questions. Following this, the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move: "That this Synod takes note of paper ODS 22.0..".	20
9.	12.05	<b>Motion on SSM/LLM Fees</b> <i>Paper ODS 22.08 and ODS 22.08A</i> This report will be introduced on behalf of Cowley deanery by its Area Dean, the Revd Canon Dr Geoff Bayliss, who will move 'When taking pastoral services, this Synod determines that from 1 January 2023 Self-Supporting Ministers (SSMs) and Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) might receive, at the discretion of the local PCC, and in communication with the Archdeacon, an equivalent proportion of the fee paid by the recipients as is received by retired stipendiary clergy.'	25
10.	12.30	<b>Safeguarding update</b> <i>Paper ODS 22.09</i> The annual report of the Safeguarding Panel will be introduced by the Chair of the Safeguarding Panel, Mr Peter Hay, and Head of Safeguarding, Mrs Louise Whitehead. There will be an opportunity for questions. The Chair to move 'That this Synod take note of the annual review of the diocesan Safeguarding Panel'.	20
11.	12.50	<b>Annual Review of the Diocese of Oxford</b> <i>Paper ODS 22.10</i> The annual review approved by Bishop's Council will be introduced on behalf of Bishop's Council by Mr John Sykes, Chair of the House of Laity and there will be an opportunity for questions or comments. The Chair to move 'That this Synod take note of the Annual Review of the Diocese of Oxford'.	15
12.	13.05	<b>Reflection &amp; Closing Blessing</b>	10
	13.15	Close	

## NOTES:

### Directions to St James, Oxford Road, Gerrards Cross SL9 7DJ

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If driving please note that some SatNavs fail to pinpoint this venue accurately. We are circulating to Synod members a map which may help. The church/conference centre complex is approximately one-tenth of a mile from the junction of the B416 (Windsor/Packhorse roads) with the A40 (Oxford Road).

The conference centre is located behind the church and is accessed via a drive. There is parking at the church as well as alongside/around the back of the conference centre. Further parking is available in local residential roads (see specific map attached). Please park considerately.

1.	Tea and coffee will be available from 0845. Any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Diocesan Secretary via <a href="mailto:synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org">synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org</a>	
2.	<p>The attention of members is drawn to the fact that under the Synod's Standing Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the period of notice for new business has expired, save for urgent or other especially important business included by direction of the President;</li><li>b) notice of motions arising out of the business on the agenda and of amendments to motions must be received by the Secretary of the Synod (the Diocesan Secretary) <b>by Friday 3 June 2022.</b></li><li>c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by <b>Friday 3 June 2022.</b></li></ul> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:diosec@oxford.anglican.org">diosec@oxford.anglican.org</a> copied to <a href="mailto:synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org">synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org</a>. Please ensure your question has been acknowledged as received safely.</p>	
3.	<p>Being mindful that this is a formal gathering of the Synod and Standing Orders apply, when wishing to speak, members are asked to raise their hand. The Chair will invite members to speak in order and determine length of speech.</p> <p>Only Synod members are permitted to speak except by permission of the Chair. Members are asked to keep contributions brief to maximise the number of people who can speak.</p>	

### Diocesan Synod – Future meeting dates

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Zoom
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Unipart, Oxford
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Zoom
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Zoom