



**OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD  
Diocesan Synod Agenda  
Saturday 16 November 2024**

The meeting will be held on Zoom.

*(Details of how to join may be found in the notes below, and a link will be sent by email)*

**Please see the notes at the end of the agenda for further information about the meeting**

**AGENDA**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Mins</b>
	<b>09.00</b>	<b>Notice is given that a separate meeting of each House will take place to elect a Chair of the House of Laity and the House of Clergy (also to be Vice-Presidents of the Diocesan Synod).</b>  Note: separate papers have been issued for these meetings.	15
1.	<b>09.15</b>	<b>Opening Worship (incorporating Dwelling in the Word)</b>	20
2.	<b>09.35</b>	<b>Notices</b>	15
3.		<b>Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 8 June 2024</b> (previously circulated)	
4.		<b>Questions under SO70</b> A written response will be available if questions are received.	
5.	<b>09.50</b>	<b>Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance</b>  The Synod will <b>adjourn</b> for a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (ODBF) to appoint its Chair and Vice-Chair for the triennium 2024-27. The Synod will then reconvene.	5
5.	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Presidential Address</b> The Bishop of Oxford There may be time for any reflections on it.	25
6.	<b>10.25</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>  The Chair of the Board of Finance will introduce the item.  A motion to approve and adopt the 2025 budget, authorise expenditure and request a net contribution from deanery share apportionment.	25

The Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to move:

*'That this Synod..*

- a) *Approves and adopts the 2025 budget as set out below and in the accompanying papers;*
- b) *Notes the 2026-29 projections;*
- c) *Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2025, sums not exceeding the following net amounts:*

	AMOUNT (£000s)	Note
<u>Net Revenue Costs</u>		
Resourcing Ministry & Mission	15,085	1
Support for Parish Ministry	2,335	1
National Church Costs	1,102	1
Grants	610	1
Transfers to Unrestricted Reserves	-310	
<i>Total Net Revenue Costs</i>	18,823	
<u>Funded by</u>		
Net Parish Share	18,823	

- d) *Requests that such expenditure be financed by deanery share apportionments for 2025 based on the figure of £18,823K, being net of allowances for rebates, vacancy provision and under-collection.*
- e) *Notes the budgeted allocation from the Unapplied Total Return Fund of £5,210k towards Parish Share support and £3,998k for strategic expenditure [which includes the expected spend during the year on the £10m vicarage environmental work approved by Synod] and that any unspent amounts are carried forward and may be spent in future years.'*

*Note 1: Includes apportionment of support costs totalling £1,897k*

**10.50 Coffee Break** 15

7. **11.05 Environment Annual Update** 25  
*Paper ODS 24.11*

The Revd Dr Darrell Hannah, with Sophie Orme and Hannah Mann, to present the update, followed by time for questions.

8. **11.30 Deanery motion from Witney and Sonning: The Climate and Nature Bill** 25  
*Paper ODS 24.12A/B*

Kate Banks (Witney) to move, on behalf of Sonning and Witney deaneries:



3.	On arrival, members will be asked to wait to be admitted from the waiting room.
4.	<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 8 November 2024.</b></li> <li>c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by <b>Friday 8 November 2024.</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 any amendments raised or questions have been acknowledged as received safely.</p>
5.	<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 using the 'raise hand' function button found in the 'reactions' on the bottom bar. Please give your name and number if known, or Deanery or relevant position. The Chair will invite members to speak in order and determine length of speech.</p> <p>During the meeting the 'chat' function will not be available to communicate with 'everyone' during debate. All questions and comments should be directed through the Chair for the relevant items using the 'raise hand' function as above.</p> <p>Only Synod members are permitted to speak except by permission of the Chair. Members will be kept on mute except when invited to speak and are asked to keep contributions brief to maximise the number of people who can speak.</p>