



THE FIFTH SESSION  
OF THE  
SIXTEENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD

will be held at  
Sussex Downs College  
1 Mountfield Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 2XH

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**10.00a.m. CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** with  
Presidential address and launch of the Year of Prayer

**MEETING OF THE CHICHESTER DIOCESAN FUND AND  
BOARD OF FINANCE**

1. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2018 (see  
budget booklet)

John Booth (Chair) to move *“That the budget of the  
DBF for 2018 be received”*.

**MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD**

1. PARISH MINISTRY COSTS WORKING GROUP REPORT  
– John Booth (see booklet of supporting papers).

2. DEANERY MOTION  
Motion from Cuckfield Deanery Synod

Rodney Pratt to move *“That this synod believes  
that placing a high degree of moral pressure on  
parishes to pledge sums which will cover their costs  
(and centralised costs) with no recognition of  
relative affluence is deeply wrong and penalises the  
poor, and as such is not consistent with the gospel  
of Jesus Christ. We call on the diocesan leadership  
to make clearer that relative affluence is one of the  
relevant factors as to how much each parish should  
pledge. Poorer churches in relatively deprived areas*

*should be expected to contribute less to the common purse and richer churches should be encouraged to contribute more. Ministerial resources allocated to a parish should be on the basis of need and not ability to pay”.*

3. SETTING GOD’S PEOPLE FREE AND SERVING TOGETHER – Jayne Prestwood, Officer for Lay Vocation and Ministry

## **LUNCH**

## **MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD**

4. THE MOTHER’S UNION – Kathryn Anderson, Diocesan President for Chichester
5. THE VISION AROUND LIFE EVENTS – Canon Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Life Events, Archbishops’ Council
6. LEGACY CAMPAIGN – John Sherlock, Generous Giving Officer
7. DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS 2018

Canon Mark Gilbert to move *“That this Synod resolves to adopt the Scheme set out on pages 7-8 for the Diocesan Synod elections in 2018”*

8. REPORT FROM GENERAL SYNOD – written report  
(see booklet of supporting papers)

Tina Nay to move *“That this report be received”*.

9. REPORT ON THE BISHOP’S COUNCIL – written  
report (see booklet of supporting papers)

John Head to move *“That this report be received”*.

10. SUSSEX HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – Sara Stonor

11. QUESTIONS UNDER SO69

Under Standing Order 69 all questions received by  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 will be tabled on an  
order paper.

12. EDUCATION REPORT AND FAREWELL TO CANON DR  
ANN HOLT, Director of Education

***THE MEETING WILL FINISH NO LATER THAN 4.OOP.M.***

## **NOTES:**

**ADMISSION** Members will be admitted on production of this agenda.

**LUNCH** Members are requested to bring their own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available.

## **SPEECHES**

Speeches to Synod from the floor will be limited to five minutes. A bell will be sounded after four minutes and again after five minutes.

**NB** The length of speeches may be limited still further at the discretion of the chairman.

**PROXIES** Members have the right to appoint a proxy for the meeting of the Diocesan Board of Finance under article 25 of the Board's articles of association but not for the meeting of the Diocesan Synod

## **NEXT DIOCESAN SYNOD**

There will be a meeting of Diocesan Synod on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Details of the venue to be confirmed.

In accordance with Standing Order 26, 35 days' notice is required for any new business for the agenda. The latest date that such items should be in the hands of the Secretary is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

1. Coffee and tea will be served throughout the morning after the Eucharist. There will be no designated break for refreshments except at lunchtime.
2. Any member with a disability is invited to contact the Secretary by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to make any special arrangements, such as parking reservations.
3. Any member with visual impairment who requires large print versions of any of the agenda or associated papers please contact the Secretary by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
4. When rising to speak will all Members please display their Member number cards and give their name and deanery.

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**AGENDA ITEM 7:  
SCHEME FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS 2018**

The proposed Scheme is set out below. The rationale can be found on pages 6-10 of the supporting papers booklet.

	Laity	Clergy	
House of Bishops	0	3	
Ex-Officio	2	6	
General Synod	8	5	
Co-options	5	5	
	15	19	
Elected	115	111	
	130	130	260
Bishop's Nominations (either house)			10
Grand Total			270

Numbers to be elected by each deanery synod:

Deanery	Laity	Clergy
Arundel & Bognor	8	7
Chichester	8	8
Westbourne	3	2
Worthing	8	6
Battle & Bexhill	4	3
Dallington	4	5
Eastbourne	8	9
Hastings	3	5
Rotherfield	6	4
Rye	3	2
Uckfield	4	4
Cuckfield	6	6
East Grinstead	6	7
Horsham	7	7
Hurst	5	5
Midhurst	3	2
Petworth	3	2
Storrington	4	3
Brighton	7	10
Hove	6	6
Lewes & Seaford	8	8
Total	115	111



## Notes