



THE THIRD SESSION
OF THE
SEVENTEENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD

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

On 16th November 2019

AGENDA

10.00a.m. SERVICE OF THE WORD with Presidential address and commissioning of the Children's Society Ambassador

MEETING OF THE CHICHESTER DIOCESAN FUND AND BOARD OF FINANCE (INCORPORATED)

1. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2020 (see separate booklet)

Mr Philip Bowden (Chair) to move *“That the budget of the DBF for 2020 be received”*.

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

1. LAUNCH OF THE NEW DIOCESAN STRATEGY

2. CHICHESTER AND THE GERMAN CHURCHES: A PRESENTATION ON THE JOSEFSTAL, COBURG AND FEUERSTEIN CONFERENCES

3. BREXIT: WHAT WISDOM CAN THE CHURCH BRING TO FINDING WAYS TO RECOVER OR SUSTAIN SOCIAL COHESION IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE, AND TO MEET PRACTICAL NEEDS, DURING THIS PERIOD OF UNPRECEDENTED SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE?

4. PRESENTATION BY THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

1.00p.m. LUNCH

2.00p.m. MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

5. DEANERY MOTION FROM UCKFIELD DEANERY SYNOD:
Cedric Parrish to move *“That the Diocesan and General Synods examine the existing system of filling clergy vacancies with a view to changing the patronage and interregnum system which is archaic, lengthy and not fit for purpose in the present age”*.
6. PARTING REFLECTIONS FROM THE DDO
7. REFLECTIONS ON THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
8. FOUNDATION GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT
9. SEES OF HORSHAM AND LEWES
10. APPROVAL OF DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATION FORMULA FOR THE NEXT TRIENNIUM
Mrs Sara Stonor to move *“That pursuant to Rule 25(2) of the Church Representation Rules, the numbers of parochial representatives of the laity to be elected from the parishes and Bishops Mission Orders of the Diocese to Deanery Synods shall be calculated by reference to the numbers of names on the rolls of the parishes as certified under Rule 4 in 2019 in accordance with the table on page 6 of the supporting papers”*
11. PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON NO.39

12. REPORT FROM GENERAL SYNOD – written report (pages 7-8 of the supporting papers)
Mrs Mary Nagel to move *“That this report be received”*.

13. REPORT ON THE BISHOP’S COUNCIL – written report (page 9 of the supporting papers)
Canon Mark Gilbert to move *“That this report be received”*.

14. QUESTIONS UNDER SO69
Under Standing Order 69 all questions received by 8th November 2019 will be tabled on an order paper.

15. FAREWELL to the Bishop of Lewes

THE MEETING WILL FINISH NO LATER THAN 4.00 P.M.

NOTES:

ADMISSION Members will be admitted on production of this agenda. Registration begins from 9.30am.

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 30th May 2020. 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 24th April 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. Coffee and tea will be served in the refectory until 2pm. Please do not take food or drink into the main hall except bottled water which you are welcome to bring to Synod. There will be no designated break for refreshments except at lunchtime.
2. Any member with a disability is invited to contact the Secretary by Friday 8th November 2019 to make any special arrangements necessary.
3. Any member with visual impairment who requires large print versions of any of the agenda or associated papers please contact the Secretary by Friday 8th November 2019.
4. When rising to speak will all Members please display their Member number cards and give their name and deanery.

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