



THE THIRD SESSION
OF THE
EIGHTEENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD

will be held at

St Mary's Church, Causeway, Horsham RH12 1HE

Also with Zoom access

On 14th May 2022 at 10am

AGENDA

10.00a.m. OPENING WORSHIP

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

2. WORKING TOWARDS CARBON NET ZERO

The Bishop of Lewes to move that *“This Synod supports the Church of England’s milestone objectives for achieving net carbon zero by 2030 as articulated in the National Church’s Environment Survey submitted in February 2022 and further supports (a) the inclusion in the diocesan budget for 2023 of funding for a paid post that will help the diocesan property, education and DAC departments work towards this end (b) the commitment of up to £150,000 from the Pastoral Fund to fund Heat Decarbonisation Plans for Voluntary Aided Schools and (c) the commitment of up to £100,000 from the Pastoral Fund to procure Energy Performance Certificates for all parsonages and fund pilot projects to make parsonages more energy efficient.”*

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

3. ETHICAL INVESTMENT

Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair) to move that *“This Synod affirms that care for God’s creation is foundational to the Christian gospel and central to the church’s mission and, recognising (a) the importance of working towards a future which does not depend on fossil fuels; (b) the need to both develop alternative energy supplies and reduce the demand for energy before freedom from fossil fuels can be achieved; and (c) the central role that large energy companies have to play in developing alternative energy supplies, commits*

to divesting from any company which does not meet the climate hurdles set by the National Investment Bodies using Transition Pathway Initiative data, except that disinvestment in BP will be postponed until the NIBs' next assessment, expected in January 2023, and implemented only if it does not then meet the climate hurdles, and further commits to reviewing its divestment strategy in May 2023."

4. PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 ACCOUNTS (see separate booklet)
Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair) to move *"That the Annual Accounts and report of the DBF for 2021 be received"*.
5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS
Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair) to move *"That Haysmacintyre LLP, Chartered Accountants, be re-appointed as auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting"*.
6. ADJUSTMENT OF PARISH MINISTRY COSTS (pages 3-9 of the supporting papers)
The Bishop of Horsham to move:
 - (1) *"That Parish Ministry Costs be adjusted by removing the share of parish support and national church costs for the C2 category of Associate Vicars, and by abolishing the CB category and including all Associate Vicars within C2"*
 - (2) *"That Parish Ministry Costs be adjusted by including a half share of the training element for house for duty posts instead of a full share"*.

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

7. PRESENTATION by NHS lead chaplains
8. APOSTOLIC PARTNERSHIPS: a presentation by the Director for Apostolic Life (pages 10-36 of the supporting papers)

9. REPORT FROM GENERAL SYNOD – written reports (pages 37-40 of the supporting papers)
Bradley Smith to move *“That this report be received”*.
10. REPORT ON THE BISHOP’S COUNCIL – written report (pages 41-42 of the supporting papers)
Fr Mark Gilbert to move *“That this report be received”*.
11. PROMULGATION OF ACT OF SYNOD AFFIRMING AND PROCLAIMING THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES REGULATION 1993, AS AMENDED (see separate document)
12. QUESTIONS UNDER SO69
Under Standing Order 69 all questions received by 7th May 2022 will be tabled on an order paper.

THE MEETING WILL FINISH NO LATER THAN 1PM

Members are invited to bring a picnic lunch to eat together after the close of the business.

The following motion has been received, but the Deanery Synod requested that it be shared but marked not for debate at this Synod.

DEANERY MOTION FROM STORRINGTON DEANERY SYNOD
*“That This Synod considers that the consultation document “Church of England - Mission in Revision” (GS 2222) -
(a) includes a significant set of options that shift power and resources within dioceses away from PCCs, clergy, patrons and others;*

(b) contains many options which would make the closing of churches easier and reduce the rights of consultation; and therefore calls upon the General Synod to reassure the Church and the Nation that the widely perceived dismantling of the parish system will not happen and that the rights of consultation and appeal as defined in the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 will be retained.

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NOTES:

ADMISSION: Registration begins from 9.20am.

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 chair.

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 19th November 2022. 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 15th October 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. Coffee and tea will be served at the back of the church from 9.20am to 9.50am and again after Synod finishes. Bottled water will not be provided but you are

welcome to bring your own. There will be no designated break for refreshments except as above.

2. Members are invited to bring a picnic lunch to eat together in the church after the close of the business.

3. Toilets can be found at the back of the church on the left side when facing away from the altar. Continue through the door for the accessible toilets.

4. Any member with a disability, or who requires assistance to vacate the premises in the event of a fire, is invited to contact the Secretary by Friday 6 May 2022 to make any special arrangements necessary.

4. Any member with visual impairment who requires large print versions of any of the agenda or associated papers please contact the Secretary by Friday 6 May 2022.

5. When rising to speak will all Members please display their Member number cards and give their name and deanery.

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