



THE FIFTH SESSION  
OF THE  
EIGHTEENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD

will be held at

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

Also with Zoom access

On 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10am

## AGENDA

### 10.00a.m. OPENING WORSHIP

### 10.30am MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS INCLUDING STATEMENT ON LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH followed by discussion  
The Bishop of Chichester
2. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AND STRATEGIC MISSION AND MINISTRY FUNDING UPDATE  
Mr Stuart Britton, Strategic Programme Manager
3. EXCEPTIONAL PATHWAY FOR ORDINATION  
Revd Dr Keir Shreeves, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and  
Revd Trevor Harrison (pages 1-3 of the supporting papers)
4. READER MINISTRY  
The Bishop of Lewes (pages 4-5 of the supporting papers)
5. BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN FOR RETIRED MINISTRY  
The Bishop of Lewes
6. RACIAL JUSTICE STRATEGY  
Revd Martha Mutikani and Revd Godfrey Kesari (pages 6-10 of the supporting papers)
7. STORRINGTON DEANERY SYNOD MOTION  
Dr Brian Hanson to move *“that, noting the proposal of the Church Commissioners to create an investment fund of £100 million to mitigate their fund's connection with the slave trade, this Diocesan Synod considers that the proposal should not be implemented without prior debate and approval in the General Synod.”*

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

8. PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 ACCOUNTS (see separate booklet)  
Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair) to move *“That the Annual Accounts and report of the DBF for 2022 be received”*.
  
9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS  
Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair) to move *“That, pending re-tendering of the audit contract, haysmacintyre LLP, Chartered Accountants, shall not be deemed to be re-appointed as auditors of the Company, without prejudice to the Directors’ right to re-appoint them if they think fit at the conclusion of the tendering process, and notice of this resolution shall be given to them”*.
  
10. ETHICAL INVESTMENT AND ENVIRONMENT UPDATE  
Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair)

## **MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD**

11. EASYFUNDRAISING  
Revd Andrew Smith, Generous Giving Adviser (pages 11-13 of the supporting papers)
  
12. CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS  
Mr Malcolm Gill of Chichester Cathedral Friends (page 13 of the supporting papers)
  
13. REPORT ON THE BISHOP’S COUNCIL – written report (pages 14-15 of the supporting papers)  
Mr John Booth to move *“That this report be received”*.

14. REPORT FROM GENERAL SYNOD – written reports (pages 16-17 of the supporting papers)

The Revd Arwen Folkes to move *“That this report be received”*.

15. QUESTIONS UNDER SO69.

Under Standing Order 69 all questions received before 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 will be tabled on an order paper.

***THE MEETING WILL FINISH NO LATER THAN 1.30pm.***

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

## **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.

## **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 12 May 2023 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 12 May 2023.
5. When rising to speak will all Members please display their Member number cards and give their name and deanery.

## **NEXT DIOCESAN SYNOD**

There will be a meeting of Diocesan Synod on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at St John's (Meads) Church, St John's Road, Eastbourne BN20 7ND.

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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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