



THE SIXTH SESSION
OF THE
EIGHTEENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD

will be held at
St John's (Meads) Church
St John's Road Eastbourne BN20 7ND

Also with Zoom access

On 18th November 2023 at 10am

AGENDA

10.00a.m. OPENING WORSHIP

10.30a.m. MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

2. LLF UPDATE

3. EDUCATION UPDATE

See pages 2-8 of the supporting papers

4. CARBON NET ZERO STRATEGIC PLAN (see separate document)
The Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes to move that *“This Synod :*

1. Supports the milestones outlined within the national Routemap to Net Zero Carbon and seeks to meet those as far as possible within the context of the Chichester Diocese and subject to obtaining external funding;

2. Endorses the proposed Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Action Plan as a positive direction of travel and asks Bishop’s Council to oversee its implementation (and review as necessary in light of experience) reporting back to Synod regularly;

3. Calls on parishes, and on others associated with the Diocese, to continue their positive work on creation care and form their own plans consistent with the Diocesan intention.”

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

1. ETHICAL INVESTMENT

Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair) to move that *“This Synod re-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, agrees that it will continue to invest in Shell and BP only while those companies have a clear strategy aligned with the Paris Agreement goal to limit the increase of average global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels .”

2. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2024 (see separate booklet)

Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair) to move *“That the budget of the DBF for 2024 be received”*.

3. 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”*.

MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

5. DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS

Mr John Booth to move *“That this Synod resolves to adopt the Scheme set out on pages 9-12 of the supporting papers for the Diocesan Synod elections in 2024”*

6. RACIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

See pages 13-15 of the supporting papers

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

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

8. REPORT ON THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL – written report (pages 18-19 of the supporting papers)
The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel to move *“That this report be received”*.
9. PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON NO. 42
10. QUESTIONS UNDER SO69
Under Standing Order 69 all questions received by 11 November 2023 will be tabled on an order paper.

THE MEETING WILL FINISH NO LATER THAN 1.30pm

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 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 18 May 2024. 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 13 April 2024.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. Coffee and tea will be served from 9.20am to 9.50am and when Synod finishes (by 1.30pm). There will be no designated break for refreshments except as above.

2. Toilets can be found in the corridor between the Church and the Jubilee Hall. Go through the door to the right of the lectern (when facing the altar). An additional toilet is in the main entrance to the church.

3. 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 10th November 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 10th November 2023.

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

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