



THE SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE
EIGHTEENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD

will be held at

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

On 18th May 2024 at 10am

AGENDA

10.00a.m. OPENING WORSHIP

10.30am MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
The Bishop of Chichester
2. YEAR OF FAITH 2025 / 950 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS the Bishops of Horsham and Lewes will present plans for celebrating the Year of Faith next year.

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

3. PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 ACCOUNTS (see separate booklet)
Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair) to move *“That the Annual Accounts and report of the DBF for 2023 be received”*.
4. 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. PLANS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT - the Diocesan Secretary will give a presentation (pages 1-3 of the supporting papers)

6. REPORT ON THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL – written report (pages 4-6 of the supporting papers)
Mrs Sara Stonor to move *“That this report be received”*.
7. REPORTS FROM GENERAL SYNOD – written report (pages 7-9 of the supporting papers)
Mrs Mary Nagel to move *“That this report be received”*.
8. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 9(v) (page 10 of the supporting papers): The Venerable Edward Dowler to move *“That the requirement to include those absent without apologies in the Diocesan Synod minutes be removed.”*
9. QUESTIONS UNDER SO69.
Under Standing Order 69 all questions received by 11th May 2024 will be tabled on an order paper.

THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO FINISH BY 1PM

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.

RECORDING: The meeting may be recorded on a dictaphone and on Zoom so that some of the presentations can be shared on the website and for the purpose of completing the minutes. Once the recording has been edited and the minutes are approved, the rest of the recording will be deleted.

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 10th May 2024 to make any special arrangements necessary.
5. 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 May 2024.
6. 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 16th November 2024 at St John's (Meads) Church, Eastbourne.

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 11th October 2024.

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