



THE THIRD SESSION
OF THE
NINETEENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD

will be held at

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

(Also with Zoom access technology permitting)

On 17th May 2025 at 10.30am

AGENDA

10.30am OPENING WORSHIP

10.50am MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

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

2. PRESENTATION OF THE 2024 ACCOUNTS (see separate booklet)
Mr Stephen Hoyles (Chair) or Mr Bill Telford (Deputy Chair) to move
"That the Annual Accounts and report of the DBF for 2024 be received".

3. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS
Mr Stephen Hoyles (Chair) or Mr Bill Telford (Deputy Chair) to move
"That HaysMac 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

4. NATIONAL CHURCH FUNDING UPDATE (pages 1-3 of the supporting papers)
5. CLERGY PENSIONS The Revd James Hollingsworth to move *"That this Synod calls for the 2011 pension changes to be reversed so that pension received after full service would revert to two-thirds of stipend, and the number of years service to receive a full pension be amended back to 37 years."* (pages 4-23 of the supporting papers)

6. MOTION FROM EASTBOURNE DEANERY SYNOD Tina Nay to move
"That this Synod: Endorses the [Cry for Hope](https://cryforhope.org/index.php/about-global-kairos) expressed by Palestinian Christians and the 'Global Kairos for Justice' Coalition (GKfJ) (<https://cryforhope.org/index.php/about-global-kairos>). Requests that the Faith and Order Commission produce a report which analyses and refutes any theological justifications, for example, those promoted by some Christian Zionists, for the oppression of Palestinians. Instructs the Ethical Investment Advisory Group to provide guidance to the National Investing Bodies (NIBs) and Dioceses that will enable them to screen their investments and thereby make decisions regarding engagement with, and divestment from, companies which profit from the occupation."
(pages 24-29 of the supporting papers)
7. SAFEGUARDING DASHBOARD:
A presentation by Charlie Parker, Safeguarding Learning and Development Officer.
8. REPORTS ON THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL – written reports (pages 30-32 of the supporting papers)
Martin Auton-Lloyd to move *"That these reports be received"*.
9. REPORT FROM GENERAL SYNOD – written reports (pages 33-34 of the supporting papers)
Mary Nagel to move *"That this report be received"*.
10. QUESTIONS UNDER SO69.
Under Standing Order 69 all questions received by 10th May 2025 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 9.50am.

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 for the purpose of completing the minutes. Some of the recording may be shown on the website and once the minutes are approved the rest of the recording will be deleted (or deleted entirely if not shown on the website).

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. Speaking: when invited to speak will all Members please give their name and deanery and display their number cards.

2. Coffee and tea will be served at the back of the church from 9.50am to 10.20am 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.

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

4. 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.

5. Disability: 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 9 May 2025 to make any special arrangements necessary.

6. Visual impairment: Any member with visual impairment who requires large print versions of any of the agenda or associated papers please contact the Secretary by Friday 9 May 2025.

NEXT DIOCESAN SYNOD

There will be a meeting of Diocesan Synod on Saturday 15th November 2025 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 2025.

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