



THE FIRST SESSION  
OF THE  
NINETEENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD

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

and technology permitting by ZOOM

On 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 10am

## **AGENDA**

**10.00a.m. OPENING WORSHIP**

### **10.30am MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD**

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE HOUSE OF CLERGY AND THE CHAIR OF THE HOUSE OF LAITY
2. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS and welcome to new members
3. WELCOME to the new Assistant Archdeacons of Hastings and Brighton and Lewes, to the new Dean of Chichester, and to Stephen Hoyles, to take over as new Chair of the Finance Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

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

1. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2025 (see separate booklet)  
Mrs Lesley Lynn (Chair) to move *"That the budget of the DBF for 2025 be received"*.

### **MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD**

4. EDUCATION UPDATE AND WELCOME TO LESLEY HURST, NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION (page 1 of the Supporting Papers)
5. DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION TIMETABLE (page 2 of the Supporting Papers)  
The Venerable Luke Irvine Capel to move *"That Synod resolves to adopt the arrangements for the 2024 DBE election and the term of office for the newly elected members as set out at page 2 of the supporting papers"*.

6. VISION 2025-2030 (pages 3-5 of the Supporting Papers)
7. DIOCESAN STRATEGY UPDATE (pages 6-11 of the Supporting Papers)
8. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS – VACANCIES
9. SEAL OF CONFESSION
10. MOTION TO GENERAL SYNOD TO CALL FOR A NEW FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE CHURCH (pages 12-18 of the Supporting Papers)  
Mr John Booth to move *“That this Synod:*
  - (i) call upon the Church Commissioners and Archbishops Council to undertake everything necessary to effect a redistribution of financial resources directly to Diocesan Stipend Funds to reflect the value of contributions made by Diocesan Boards of Finance to the Church of England Funded Pension Scheme since it was established by the settlement of 1997 (£2.6 billion); and*
  - (ii) call upon Diocesan Boards of Finance to manage the funds redistributed as a result of the above to support parish ministry in the ways discerned locally to be most effective in enabling growth and sustaining the Church of England's commitment to be a Christian presence in every community.”*
11. REPORT FROM GENERAL SYNOD – written report (pages 19-20 of the Supporting Papers)  
Mr Martin Auton-Lloyd to move *“That this report be received”*.
12. REPORT ON THE BISHOP’S COUNCIL – written report (pages 21-22 of the Supporting Papers)  
Revd Canon Mark Gilbert to move *“That this report be received”*.
13. QUESTIONS UNDER SO69  
Under Standing Order 69 all questions received by 9 November 2024 will be tabled on an order paper.

**THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO 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.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025. 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 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

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