

OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD
Diocesan Synod Agenda
Saturday 13 November 2021

This meeting will be held via zoom. *(The zoom link is in the email sent to members on 22 October)*

Item No.	Time	Item	Mins
	09:00	<p>Notice is given that a separate meeting of each House will take place to elect a Chair of the House of Laity and House of Clergy (also to be Vice-Presidents of the Diocesan Synod)</p> <p>Note: separate papers have been issued already for this meeting.</p> <p>The main meeting will be preceded by meetings (also on zoom – Links circulated separately to members of each House) of both the House of Clergy and the House of Laity at 0900 with the sole purpose of appointing a Chair of each House for the triennium 2021-2024.</p> <p><i>[Both current Chairs have indicated that they would be willing to serve for the forthcoming triennium].</i></p>	10
		<p>Oxford Diocesan Synod (Main meeting)</p> <p>AGENDA</p>	20
	09:15	<p>Welcome and Opening Worship</p> <p>Dwelling in the Word</p>	
1.	09:35	Notices	10
2.	09:45	<p>Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 19 June 2021 <i>(circulated by email on 22 October)</i></p> <p>Questions under S.O(70) a written response will be available if questions received.</p>	5
3.	09:50	<p>Presidential Address and response</p> <p>The Rt. Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford</p>	25
4.	10:15	<p>Addressing Poverty and Inequality <i>Paper ODS 21.09</i></p> <p>There will be a presentation led by the Venerable Stephen Pullin, Archdeacon of Berkshire and Chair of the Addressing Poverty and Inequality Focus Area, and Hannah Ling, Social Justice Adviser, which will include a short film.</p>	50

		<p>Following this there will an opportunity to break for discussion in groups and then an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised during a debate on the following motion:</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>The Archdeacon of Berkshire to move:</p> <p>‘That this Synod (a) celebrates the extensive work of churches across the Diocese of Oxford in tackling poverty and inequality in our local communities, (b) affirms the additional actions during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, and (c) encourages all church communities to put addressing the causes and consequences of poverty at the centre of their mission.’</p>																																																									
	11.05	COFFEE BREAK	15																																																								
5.	11.20	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Paper ODS 21.10</i></p> <p>The 2022 Revenue Budget and Authorisation of Expenditure, and Deanery Apportionment</p> <p>A motion to approve and adopt the 2022 Budget, authorise expenditure, and request a net contribution from deanery share apportionment.</p> <p><i>The Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to move:</i></p> <p><i>“That this Synod..</i></p> <p><i>a) Approves and adopts the 2022 budget as set out below and in the accompanying papers;</i></p> <p><i>b) Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2022, under Budget Heads 1-9, sums not exceeding the following net amounts:</i></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>BUDGET HEAD</th><th></th><th>AMOUNT (£000s)</th><th>Note</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td><td><u>Net Revenue Costs</u></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Parish Ministry</td><td>14,827</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Diocesan Administration and Finance</td><td>614</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Mission in the Diocese</td><td>2,702</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>National Church Responsibilities</td><td>1,105</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>Transfers from Unrestricted Reserves</td><td>(561)</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td><i>Total Net Revenue Costs</i></td><td>18,687</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td><u>Funded by</u></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>Net Parish Share</td><td>18,687</td><td><i>a</i></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td><u>Capital Costs</u></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>7</td><td>General Fund Expenditure</td><td>23</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>8</td><td>Capital Transactions – Houses</td><td>370</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>9</td><td>Loan Transactions</td><td>-</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	BUDGET HEAD		AMOUNT (£000s)	Note		<u>Net Revenue Costs</u>			1	Parish Ministry	14,827		2	Diocesan Administration and Finance	614		3	Mission in the Diocese	2,702		4	National Church Responsibilities	1,105		5	Transfers from Unrestricted Reserves	(561)			<i>Total Net Revenue Costs</i>	18,687			<u>Funded by</u>			6	Net Parish Share	18,687	<i>a</i>		<u>Capital Costs</u>			7	General Fund Expenditure	23		8	Capital Transactions – Houses	370		9	Loan Transactions	-		30
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		<p>a) Requests that such expenditure be financed in part by deanery share apportionments for 2022 based on the figure of £18,687K, being net of allowances for rebates and under-collection (Head 6);</p> <p>b) Notes the Total Return Income allocation of £4,011K for strategic expenditure (Common Vision), authorises the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £4,011k and approves the transfer of any unspent Total Return income to be carried forward to our Common Vision fund for future expenditure.</p>	
6.	11.50	<p>Presentation on giving and fundraising Joshua Townson, Generous Giving Adviser</p> <p>There will be an opportunity for questions and responses</p>	20
	12.10	<p>The Synod will adjourn for a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (ODBF) to appoint its Chair and Vice-Chair for the forthcoming triennium. Following this the Synod will reconvene. See separate paper circulated by email on 22 October.</p>	5
7.	12.15	<p>Annual Report and Accounts of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education (ODBE) and Scheme under the DBE Measure <i>Paper ODS 21.11 and ODS 21.12</i></p> <p>Mr Gordon Joyner, Deputy Director (Development and Support) to introduce the new scheme.</p> <p>There will be a brief opportunity for questions.</p> <p>Motion: Following this the Chair to move:</p> <p><i>“That this Synod takes note of the report set out in ODS 21.11”</i></p> <p><i>“That this Synod agrees the Scheme contained in paper ODS 21.12 and confirms it is ready to be made subject to certification of the date it comes into effect by the Archbishops’ Council”</i></p>	15
8.	12.30	<p>Development Fund Update <i>Paper ODS 21.13</i></p> <p>Mr John Sykes, Chair of the Development Fund Panel, will introduce the report and answer questions on it.</p>	15
9.	12.45	<p>General Synod Update and welcome</p> <p>Those newly-elected members of the General Synod will be asked to give a very brief introduction</p>	5

		<p>Matters from the General Synod Group of Sessions (Business Done) – July and November 2021 can be accessed from the links below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to GS virtual meeting – July 2020 • Link to Business Done – Sept 2020 	
10.	12.50	<p>Farewell to DBF Chair (<i>Bishop Steven</i>)</p> <p>Reflection (<i>The Revd Canon John Tattersall LVO</i>)</p>	10
	13.00	Closing Blessing	
NOTES:			
	1.	<p>Any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Clerk of the Synod, Caroline Todd, at Church House.</p> <p>Email: synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org</p>	
	2.	<p>HOW TO JOIN</p> <p>The link can be found in the email sent out on 22/10/2021 to members from synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org – Please do not share this link with anyone else.</p>	
	3.	On arrival, members will be asked to wait to be admitted.	
	4.	<p>The attention of members is drawn to the fact that under the Synod's Standing Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the period of notice for new business has expired, save for urgent or other especially important business included by direction of the President; b) notice of motions arising out of the business on the agenda and of amendments to motions must be received by the Secretary of the Synod (the Diocesan Secretary) by Friday 6 November 2020. c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 6 November 2020. <p>Email: diosec@oxford.anglican.org copied to synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org. Please ensure your question has been acknowledged as received safely.</p>	
	5.	<p>Being mindful that this is a formal gathering of the Synod and Standing Orders apply, when wishing to speak, members are asked to raise their hand using the 'raise hand' function button and give their name and number if known, or Deanery or relevant position. The Chair will invite members to speak in order and determine length of speech.</p> <p>During the meeting the Agenda Sub-Committee has, on balance again decided that the 'chat' function will not be available to communicate with each other during debate. We know that there are different views on this and will consult for future meetings. All requests to comment or ask a question should be directed through the Chair for the relevant items using the 'raise hand' function as above.</p> <p>Only Synod members are permitted to speak except by permission of the Chair.</p>	

		Members will be kept on mute except when invited to speak and are asked to keep contributions brief to maximise the number of people who can speak.	
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Diocesan Synod – Future meeting dates

2021

Saturday 12 th March	Venue tbc
Saturday 11 th June	Venue tbc
Saturday 12 th November	Venue tbc