

Oxford Diocesan Synod
Saturday 18 November 2023
The meeting will be held on Zoom from 9.15am to 1pm

AGENDA

Item	Time	Item	Mins
1.	09.15	Welcome (<i>Bishop Steven</i>) Opening Worship led by the Rev Canon Liz Jackson, Associate Archdeacon of Berkshire	20
2.	09.35	Notices and Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 10 June 2023 (previously circulated) Promulgation of Amending Canon No. 42	10
3.	09.45	Kimberley & Kuruman Summit Report <i>Verbal</i> Presentation led by the Bishop of Reading	10
4.	09.55	Learning Hub update <i>Verbal</i> Presentation by Dr Andrew Hayes, Lay Ministry Enabler	10
5.	10.05	Presidential Address <i>Verbal</i> The Bishop of Oxford	20
6.	10.25	Questions under S.O(70) A written response will be available if questions are received.	5
7.	10.30	Report from General Synod and opportunity for other comments <i>Verbal</i> Professor Helen King and the Reverend Jeremy Moodey will report back on the November General Synod, after which there will be time for brief comments and questions.	30
8.	11.00	Coffee Break	15
9.	11.15	Aston and Cuddesdon Deanery Motion <i>Papers ODS 23.10 and ODS 23.10A</i> Mrs Vicki Reay to move on behalf of Aston and Cuddesdon Deanery Synod: <i>1. That this Synod; takes our concerns to the national church for a fundamental review of parish funding;</i>	25

2. seeks a radical review of the structure at all levels across the national church so that a sustainable model can be developed; one that ensures not simply the survival of our parishes but their flourishing, and;
3. continues to review its own structure, ways of working, and areas of activity so that it can help model alternative ways of working.’

10. **11.40** **2024 Budget** Paper ODS 23.11 25

The Chair of the Board of Finance, Sir Hector Sants, will introduce the item.

A motion to approve and adopt the 2024 Budget, authorise expenditure, request a net contribution from deanery share apportionment.

The Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to move:

‘That this Synod:

- a) Approves and adopts the 2024 budget as set out below and in the accompanying papers;
- b) Notes the 2025-28 projections;
- c) Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2024, sums not exceeding the following net amounts:

	AMOUNT (£000s)	Note
<u>Net Revenue Costs</u>		
Resourcing Ministry & Mission	15,425	a
Support for Parish Ministry	1,797	a
National Church Costs	1,037	a
Grants	593	a
Transfers from Unrestricted Reserves	36	
Total Net Revenue Costs	18,888	
<u>Funded by</u>		
Net Parish Share	18,888	b
<u>Capital Costs</u>		
General Fund Expenditure	25	
Capital Transactions – Houses ODS 23.11(5)	3,250	c

- a) Includes apportionment of support costs totalling £1,788k;
- b) Requests that such expenditure be financed in part by deanery share apportionments for 2022 based on the figure of £18,888K being net of allowances for rebates, vacancy provision and under-collection;

		<p>c) <i>Compensated by equivalent disposals in 2023;</i></p> <p><i>Notes the budgeted 2024 allocation from the Unapplied Total Return Fund of £3,402k towards Parish Share support & £3,660k for strategic expenditure (previously from the Common Vision Fund).</i></p>	
11.	12.05	<p>Proposal to agree mutual support for poorer dioceses for 2025-9 <i>Paper ODS 23.12</i></p> <p>Mrs Julie Dziegiel, Vice-Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, to move:</p> <p><i>‘That this Synod approve the grant of £1.5 million in mutual support to other dioceses for the period 2025-9 as provided in paper ODS 23.12.’</i></p>	20
12.	12.25	<p>Elected Representation from Deaneries on Diocesan Synod 2024 <i>Paper ODS 23.13</i></p> <p>Mr John Sykes, Chair of the House of Laity, to move:</p> <p><i>‘That this Synod:</i></p> <p><i>(i) adopts the scheme of representation for the House of Clergy as proposed in this paper (ODS 23.13) and for the House of Laity using 2023 electoral roll data (or where not available, the latest available) and;</i></p> <p><i>(ii) agrees that the 2024 elections should be conducted by the first-past-the-post system rather than by single transferable vote.’</i></p>	5
13.	12.30	<p>Environment Annual Update <i>Paper ODS 23.14</i></p> <p>The Bishop of Reading to give an update on the Diocese’s environmental work. This will be followed by an opportunity for questions to Bishop Olivia and Mrs Hannah Mann, Environment Project Manager</p> <p>The Chair to move; <i>‘That this Synod notes the update as set out in ODS 23.14.’</i></p>	20
14.	12.50	<p>Reflection The Rev Canon Janet Binns, Area Dean of Burnham and Slough</p> <p>Closing Blessing (<i>Bishop Steven</i>)</p>	10

NOTES:

1.	Any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Diocesan Secretary via the Clerk of the Synod, Sam Adams. Email: synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org
2.	HOW TO JOIN Diocese of Oxford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. On arrival, please wait to be admitted. The link will be sent by email to all Synod members.
3.	On arrival, members will be asked to wait to be admitted from the waiting room.
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 10 November 2023.c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 10 November 2023. <p>Email: diosec@oxford.anglican.org copied to synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org. Please ensure any amendments raised or questions have been acknowledged as received safely. It is noted that the deadline for Questions expires on this occasion before General Synod and so provision has been made for members to ask questions arising from General Synod verbally during item 7.</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 found in the 'reactions' on the bottom bar. Please give your 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 'chat' function will not be available to communicate with 'everyone' during debate. All questions and comments 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. 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.</p>