

**Oxford Diocesan Synod**  
**Saturday 9 March 2024**

Holy Trinity Church, Hazlemere

**AGENDA**

Item	Time	Item	Mins
1.	<b>10.15</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Worship</b> <b>Admission of Mr Jim Tucker to the Order of St Frideswide</b>	25
2.	<b>10.40</b>	<b>Notices and Approval of Minutes</b> of meeting held on 18 November 2023 <i>Re-circulated</i>	5
3.	<b>10.45</b>	<b>Report from General Synod</b> <i>Oral</i> Jacob Wigley will report back on the February General Synod.	5
4.	<b>10.50</b>	<b>Questions under S.O(70)</b> A written response will be available if questions are received.	10
5.	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Presidential Address</b> <i>Oral</i> The Rt. Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford	25
	<b>11.25</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	20
6.	<b>11.45</b>	<b>Racial justice, disability and deaf issues</b> <i>Oral</i>  There will be presentation by Charnelle Stylianides (Director of People), Katie Tupling (Disability Adviser), Polly Falconer (Racial Justice Adviser) and Hannah Lewis (Chaplain among Deaf People). This will be followed by a table discussion and then time for questions to the panel.	45
7.	<b>12.30</b>	<b>Presentation by PACT and questions</b> <i>Oral</i>  There will be a presentation by Natausha van Vliet, CEO of Parents And Children Together, followed by questions.	20
8.	<b>12.50</b>	<b>Update by Mothers Union</b> <i>Oral</i>  There will be an update by Valerie Bolan, Area Vice President of Mothers Union, Diocese of Oxford.	10
	<b>13.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	60

9.	14.00	<b>Financial Year End Outturn Oral</b>  Sir Hector Sants, Chair of the Board of Finance, will give a verbal update on the financial out-turn for the year ended 31st December 2023.	10
10.	14.10	<b>Youth Strategy Paper ODS 24.01</b>  There will be a presentation which will include the voices of children and young people, followed by group discussion.  There will then be a formal debate:  Bishop of Oxford to move:  <i>‘That this Synod endorses the need to significantly increase our engagement with children, young people, families and schools building on Disciples Together and calls on every deanery and benefice in 2024 to develop plans and partnerships for growth’</i>	40
11.	14.50	<b>Reflection</b> (Julie Mintern)  <b>Closing Blessing</b> (Bishop of Oxford)	10
	15.00	<b>Finish</b>	-

## Notes

Any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Diocesan Secretary via the Clerk of the Synod at Church House. Email: [synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org)

### Joining Instructions

**The Synod will be held in person at Holy Trinity Church, 262 Amersham Rd, Hazlemere, High Wycombe HP15 7PZ on Saturday 9 March 2024.**

Please arrive from 9.30am for a 10.15am start. The Synod will finish at 3.00pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

### Transport and parking options

In line with Diocesan environmental principles, it would be very helpful if attendees consider all available options for travel:

- the number 11 bus is available to the venue from both Hazlemere Railway Station and from Hazlemere Bus Station – details can be found on [www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk) (please note the spelling of Hazlemere – there are other spellings in different parts of the country). The cost

is £2 per journey and tickets can be bought using cash or a contactless card on the bus, or online in advance.

- car parking is available at both the venue (HP15 7PZ) and at the Hazlemere Recreation Ground (HP15 7QW) just along on the other side of the Amersham Road. However, this parking is limited and it would be very helpful if car sharing was considered by all attendees.

### **Food and Dietary Requirements**

In order to avoid food waste, it is extremely important that we know numbers in advance so **please ensure you have informed us of whether you are going to be attending**, as well as **any** dietary requirements by **Friday 23 February 2024**. We will be serving hot drinks on arrival and in the mid-morning break, and a cold buffet lunch.

The attention of members is drawn to the fact that under the Synod's Standing Orders:

- 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 1 March 2024**.
- c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod **by Friday 1 March 2024**.

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Following discussion at the last Diocesan Synod meeting of the motion from Aston and Cuddesdon Deanery, a note has been prepared in response and is [attached](#) for the information of Diocesan Synod members.

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—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.

Only Synod members are permitted to speak except by permission of the Chair. Members are asked to keep contributions brief to maximise the number of people who can speak.