

OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD

Diocesan Synod Agenda for 8 June 2024

The meeting will be held online via Zoom.

AGENDA

Time	Item	Mins
09:15	Worship including Dwelling in the Word	20
09:35	Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 9 March 2024 (previously circulated)	10
	Notices	10
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	Promulgation of Amending Canon No 43	
	Questions under S.O(70)	
	A written response will be available if questions received.	
09:45	Presidential Address, and any response	25
	The Bishop of Oxford	
10.10		25
10:10	Review of the Development FundPaper ODS 24.02Canon Shane Waddle, Diocesan Secretary of Newcastle, will introduce his report	25
	and answer any questions	
	Mrs Julie Dziegiel to move: 'That this Synod resolves that the Development Fund	
	should continue until further notice'	
10:35	Finance: Draft Budget 2025 and Share Apportionment Paper ODS 24.03	25
	The Chair of the Board of Finance, Sir Hector Sants, will introduce the item. There	
	will be an opportunity for questions.	
	The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move: 'That this Synod takes note	
	of paper ODS 24.02'	
11.00	AGM of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance	5
	The Chair of the Board of Finance, Sir Hector Sants	
	Papers: AGM Agenda and 2023 Minutes	
	Directors' Report and Financial Statements 2023	

	Synod will adjourn for the Annual General Meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Board	
	of Finance (see the separate agenda and papers). The Synod will then reconvene.	
11.05	Coffee	15
11.20	Safeguarding updatePaper ODS 24.04The annual report of the Safeguarding Panel will be introduced by Mr Peter Hay,Independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Panel and Louise Whitehead,Head of Safeguarding. There will be an opportunity for questions.	20
	The Chair to move 'That this Synod take note of the annual review of the diocesan Safeguarding Panel'.	
11:40	Proposed link with the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Paper ODS 24.05	20
	The Racial Justice Adviser, the Reverend Polly Falconer, will address Synod The Bishop of Oxford to move: 'That this Synod resolve that the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands should become a link diocese for the Diocese of Oxford, reviewable in five years'	
12.00	Annual Review of the Diocese of Oxford Paper ODS 24.06 The annual review approved by Bishop's Council will be introduced on behalf of Bishop's Council by the Reverend Canon Janet Binns and there will be an opportunity for questions or comments.	10
	The Chair to move: 'That this Synod take note of the Annual Review of the Diocese of Oxford'.	
12:10	Annual Report and Accounts of the ODBE Paper ODS 24.07 The report will be introduced by Dr Felix Leach, as chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, and Mr Tony Wilson, Diocesan Director of Education, who will give a short presentation.	25
	There will be an opportunity for questions.	
	The Chair to move: 'That this Synod take note of the draft annual report and accounts of the Diocesan Board of Education'.	
12.35	Christ Church, Oxford UpdatePaper ODS 24.08The Very Reverend Professor Sarah Foot, Dean of Christ Church will provide an update, particularly on the work of the governance review.	10
12:45	Amendment to the standing ordersPaper ODS 24.09The Chair of the House of Clergy to move: 'That this Synod approve the replacement of Standing Order 5c with that set out in paper ODS 24.08'	5
12:50	Reflection and Blessing (Bishop Olivia)	10

13:00	Finish -
NO	TES:
1.	Any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Diocesan Secretary via the Clerk of the Synod: 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.	 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 31 May 2024 c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 31 May 2024 Email: diosec@oxford.anglican.org copied to synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org. Please ensure any amendments raised or questions have been acknowledged as received safely.
5.	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. 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. 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.