

OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD

Saturday 19th June 2021

The meeting will be held on Zoom from 09.15 to 13.00 (*link in notes section*)

AGENDA

Time	Item	Mins
09:15	Welcome and Opening Worship	30
	Notices	
	Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 20 March 2021 Questions under S.O(70) a written response will be available if questions are received.	
09:45	Presidential Address and response	25
10:10	Annual Review (approved by Bishop's Council) <i>Paper ODS 21.05</i> The Annual Review will be presented on behalf of the Bishop's Council by Mrs Julie Dziegiel and there will be an opportunity for questions and comment. Following this the Synod will be asked: <i>"That this Synod takes note of the Annual Review as set out in paper ODS 21.05"</i>	25
10:35	AGM of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance <i>Papers: AGM Agenda and 2020 Minutes</i> <i>Directors' Report and Financial Statements 2020</i> 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.	5
10:40	FINANCE: <i>Paper ODS 21.06</i> Financial update and Draft Budget 2022 and Share Allocation The Chair of the Board of Finance, The Revd John Tattersall, will update the Synod: There will be an opportunity for questions. Following this The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move: <i>"That this Synod takes note of paper ODS 21.06"</i>	25

11.05	COFFEE BREAK	15
11.20	Commissioning of Canon Terrie Robinson as Diocesan Ambassador for The Children's Society in the Diocese of Oxford <i>The Bishop of Oxford</i> Canon Robinson will then address the Synod.	20
11.40	Witney Deanery motion on Holy Communion <i>Paper ODS 21.07</i> The Revd Dr Tess Kuin-Lawton to give background to the paper and then move, on behalf of the Witney Deanery: <i>'Noting that the Witney deanery synod has passed the following motion:</i> <i>This Synod (Witney Deanery):</i> i) <i>acknowledges the health advice behind receiving communion in one kind during the global pandemic of Covid-19 and the theological advice that communion in one kind is nevertheless 'complete communion'</i> ii) <i>notes that in practice this has caused hurt to some who have been unable to receive bread and wine together</i> iii) <i>recognises that within the Deanery of Witney there is a diversity of theological opinion on this matter</i> iv) <i>calls on Diocesan Synod to ask the House of Bishops to offer assistance, advice and teaching on this matter (in particular to address online communion, remote consecration of communion and individual communion cups.)</i> <i>that this Synod requests the House of Bishops to offer assistance, advice and teaching on this matter (in particular to address online communion, remote consecration of communion and individual communion cups.)'</i>	20
12.00	Committee Governance Review <i>Paper ODS 21.08</i> Mrs Sue Scane will introduce this paper and answer questions on it. Following this the Chair to move: <i>"That this Synod takes note of the report set out in paper ODS 21.08"</i>	20
12.20	Oxford Diocesan Board of Education Update The Chair of the Board of Education, The Rt Revd Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, will introduce the item and Mr Tony Wilson, Diocesan Director of Education will give a short presentation. This will be an opportunity to hear about the current position affecting our schools during Covid-19. There will be a brief opportunity for questions. <i>The ODBE Annual Report and Accounts is not yet approved and so has been deferred to the November 2021 meeting.</i>	20
12.40	General Synod Update A member of the General Synod will give an update on proceedings from the April 2021 Group of Sessions held remotely.	10

12.50	Reflection & Closing Blessing (<i>Bishop of Dorchester</i>)	10
13.00	Close	

NOTES:

1.	Any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Diocesan Secretary via the Clerk of the Synod, Caroline Todd, at Diocesan Church House. Email: synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org	
2.	<p>HOW TO JOIN</p> <p>Diocese of Oxford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. On arrival, please wait to be admitted.</p> <p>The Diocese of Oxford is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Topic: Diocesan Synod – you may register from 0900 Time: Jun 19, 2021 09:15 AM London</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting We have not provided the link in this version (please see separate email which was sent to members only).</p> <p>Please do not share the link with anyone else.</p>	
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 11 June 2021. c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by Friday 11 June 2021. <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.</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.</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

Monday 27 th September (4-9pm)	New Triennium Induction (for ALL members) St Aldates Church Oxford Followed by Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral <i>(Details will be communicated after the elections have taken place)</i>
Saturday 13 th November	First meeting of new triennium following elections This meeting will be held on zoom.