

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN SYNOD

Saturday 30th November 2024, Aldridge Church Centre, 9.30am

AGENDA

The President to assume the Chair

1	9.30	<u>Welcomes and Opening Worship</u>	Verbal
2	9.45	<u>Notices and Apologies</u>	Verbal
3	9.50	<u>Minutes of the last meeting</u>	DS24/11/01
4.	10.00	<u>Presidential Address</u>	
		<i>The Chair of the House of Laity to assume the Chair</i>	
5.	10.20	<p><u>Towards Net Zero Carbon</u></p> <p><i>The Chair to move that:</i></p> <p><i>This Synod, recognising</i></p> <p><i>(a) that there is a global climate emergency, caused by global heating and climate change and that this is a crisis for God's creation</i></p> <p><i>(b) that there is a rapidly increasing issue of climate injustice, as the poorer nations in the global south are affected first, therefore</i></p> <p><i>(i) every individual Anglican Christian is strongly encouraged to practise creation care at the heart of their daily, prayerful and sacrificial following of Christ;</i></p> <p><i>(ii) commits as a diocese to welcome the Action Plan presented on November 30th 2024 and resources for sustainable living including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• policies and procedures to minimise waste and increase use of renewable energies;</i> <i>• the incorporation of creation care into liturgical practice;</i> <i>• discipleship and other resources to support our worshipping communities in deepening commitment and understanding;</i> <p><i>and in order that this target can be achieved</i></p> <p><i>(iii) requests a report to Synod every 12 months on progress, beginning in 2025.</i></p>	DS24/11/02
		<i>Coffee break</i>	
6.	11.40	<p><u>Budget 2025 -Presentation and questions</u></p> <p><i>The Chair to move that:</i></p> <p><i>The Board be authorised to expend in 2025 a sum not exceeding £16,445,987 as representing the net unrestricted expenditure for the year ending 31.12.25.</i></p> <p><i>Mr J Hill, Finance Director, to move that:</i></p> <p><i>the Board of Finance Budget for 2025 be received</i></p>	DS24/11/03

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7.	12.20	National Financial Allocation The Bishop of Lichfield to move that: <i>This Synod:</i> <i>(i) calls upon the Church Commissioners and Archbishops Council to undertake everything necessary to affect a redistribution of financial resources directly to Diocesan Stipend Funds to reflect the value of contributions made by Diocesan Boards of Finance to the Church of England Funded Pension Scheme since it was established by the settlement of 1997 (£2.6 billion)</i> <i>(ii) calls upon Diocesan Boards of Finance to manage the funds redistributed as a result of the above to support parish ministry in the ways discerned locally to be most effective in enabling growth and sustaining the Church of England's commitment to be a Christian presence in every community.</i>	DS24/11/04
8.	12.50	Deanery Synod Representation for the Connect 2 BMO <i>This Synod approves the proposals laid out in DS24/11/05</i>	DS24/11/05
9.	13.00	General Synod Report Mr Chris Gill to move that: <i>The report of the General Synod sessions in July 2024 be received.</i>	DS24/11/06
10.	13.15	Question Time	To be tabled
11.	13.45	Issues facing the Diocese in 2025 – a reflection from the Diocesan Secretary	Verbal
12.	14.00	Farewell to the Diocesan Secretary	Verbal
13.	14.10	Closing prayer	
		The following items will be deemed to have been noted by the Synod unless a member notifies the Secretary before the meeting that he or she wishes the item to be discussed. Standing Committee Report October 1 st 2024	DS24/03/07

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