

Note to Diocesan Synod, November 2025

Nomination of Revd Prebendary Jim Trood as Deputy Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance

The Rev Preb Jim Trood BSc hons, PGCE, MTh. (Associate Archdeacon of Walsall and Rector of St Matthew's Walsall) has been nominated by Bishop Michael as the next Deputy Chair of the DBF. The nomination has been warmly supported by the Chair of the DBF and affirmed by the Bishop's Council. The role of Deputy Chair is usually taken by an ordained person while the Chair is Lay.

This nomination requires Synod approval.

Rev Preb Jim has been invited to introduce himself to Synod:

Following my initial degree in statistics and operational research, I trained and then worked as a secondary school teacher of mathematics for 9 years before training for ordination at St John's college in Nottingham. I was ordained in Blackburn Diocese in 2002 and spent 4 years as a curate in Blackpool before moving to Tamworth in 2006. In Tamworth I served as a team vicar at St George's, Glascote for 9 years, and also as rural dean of Tamworth for 6 years. I moved to be the rector of St Matthew's Walsall in January 2015.



More recently, I have also served as acting archdeacon of Walsall and am now an associate archdeacon alongside my post as rector. I have served on Diocesan Synod for much of my time in Lichfield Diocese, have been a member of Bishop's Council, whilst acting archdeacon, and have been on the diocesan Finance and Asset Management (FAM) committee for the last 3 years. I am also a Bishops Advisor for those being considered for ordination training which involves interviewing on stage 1 and stage 2 panels.

In my spare time, I enjoy being Grandad to 4 grandchildren and spending time with my wife, Priscilla.

Synod is asked to approve the appointment of Rev Preb Jim Trood as Deputy Chair of the DBF

Sam Rushton

26th October 2025