

# OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD Diocesan Synod Agenda Saturday 16 November 2024

The meeting will be held on Zoom.

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## **AGENDA**

ltem No.	Time	Item	Mins
	09.00	Notice is given that a separate meeting of each House will take to elect a Chair of the House of Laity and the House of Clergy (a be Vice-Presidents of the Diocesan Synod).	•
		Note: separate papers have been issued for these meetings.	
1.	09.15	Opening Worship (incorporating Dwelling in the Word)	20
2.	09.35	Notices	15
3.		Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 8 June 2024 (previously circulated)	
4.		Questions under SO70 A written response will be available if questions are received.	
5.	09.50	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of Oxford Diocesan Board of Fin	nance 5
		The Synod will <b>adjourn</b> for a meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Boa Finance (ODBF) to appoint its Chair and Vice-Chair for the trienni 2024-27. The Synod will then reconvene.	
5.	10.00	Presidential Address The Bishop of Oxford There may be time for any reflections on it.	25
6.	10.25	2025 Budget Paper ODS 24	4.10 25

The Chair of the Board of Finance will introduce the item.

A motion to approve and adopt the 2025 budget, authorise expenditure and request a net contribution from deanery share apportionment.

#### The Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to move:

'That this Synod..

- a) Approves and adopts the 2025 budget as set out below and in the accompanying papers;
- b) Notes the 2026-29 projections;
- c) Authorises the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend in 2025, sums not exceeding the following net amounts:

	AMOUNT	
	(£000s)	Note
Net Revenue Costs		
Resourcing Ministry & Mission	15,085	1
Support for Parish Ministry	2,335	1
National Church Costs	1,102	1
Grants	610	1
Transfers to Unrestricted Reserves	-310	
Total Net Revenue Costs	18,823	
Funded by		
Net Parish Share	18,823	

- d) Requests that such expenditure be financed by deanery share apportionments for 2025 based on the figure of £18,823K, being net of allowances for rebates, vacancy provision and under-collection.
- e) Notes the budgeted allocation from the Unapplied Total Return Fund of £5,210k towards Parish Share support and £3,998k for strategic expenditure [which includes the expected spend during the year on the £10m vicarage environmental work approved by Synod] and that any unspent amounts are carried forward and may be spent in future years.'

Note 1: Includes apportionment of support costs totalling £1,897k

	10.50	Coffee Break		15
7.	11.05	Environment Annual Update	Paper ODS 24.11	25
		The Revd Dr Darrell Hannah, with Sophie Orme and Hannah Mann, to present the update, followed by time for questions.		
8.	11.30	Deanery motion from Witney and Sonni Bill	ng: The Climate and Nature Paper ODS 24.12A/B	25

Kate Banks (Witney) to move, on behalf of Sonning and Witney deaneries:

'That this Synod, aware of the important aims of the Climate and Nature Bill, the only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament which ensures a comprehensive and joined-up approach to the climate and nature emergency, whose aims are broadly:

- To make sure that the UK cuts its emissions fairly and fully to stand the best chance of keeping 1.5 degrees alive
- To make sure that the UK takes significant steps to reverse the destruction of nature by 2030
- To involve citizens in deciding the fairest way forward

endorses the 'Zero Hour' campaign to promote the Climate and Nature Bill, and calls on the General Synod also to do so.'

### 9. 11.55 Church Buildings Overview

Paper ODS 24.13

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After an introduction by the Bishop of Oxford, Liz Kitch, Head of Church Buildings, will introduce the overview document with input from. There will then be time for group discussion and questions to a panel of Liz Kitch, Abigail Lloyd, Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Committee and Rhodri Bowen, Parish Development Adviser.

If any formal amendments to the motion below are lodged, or if we receive a number of requests from Synod members by 8 November for a formal debate, then this will be scheduled.

It is otherwise proposed that at the end of this item the Chair will formally move without debate: 'That the Church Buildings Overview be approved'

## 10. 12.45 Report from General Synod

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The Revd Canon Mark Bennet will report back on the General Synod July group of sessions.

11. **12.52 Reflection** The Very Revd Professor Sarah Foot, Dean of Christ Church

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**Closing Blessing** 

#### 13.00 Finish

### **NOTES:**

- 1. Any apologies for absence should be made in advance of the meeting to the Diocesan Secretary via the Clerk of the Synod Email: 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. Please note that there may be a separate zoom link to the meeting of the House of Clergy or House of Laity.

- 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
  - 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 8 November 2024.
  - c) notice of questions under Standing Order 70 must be received by the Secretary of the Synod by **Friday 8 November 2024**.

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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.