



Diocese of Bristol

Introductory note for the Diocesan Synod, 19 November 2022

To: Diocesan Synod members

Please find enclosed the agenda and papers for Diocesan Synod at Pattern Church, Penzance Drive, Swindon, SN5 7JL.

You will note that the papers include the draft notes of the session in September 2022. If you have any comments about those notes, please do send them to synod@bristoldiocese.org by 8 November 2022.

This meeting is largely formed of **three parts**.

The **first** part will cover routine business and will include reports from the most recent meetings of General Synod and the Bishop's Council / Board of Directors / DMPC. It will also include a presentation on the Safeguarding Past Case Review 2 with time for questions.

The **second** part will look at the financial plans for the year ahead in order that the Synod might approve the Bristol DBF's expenditure for 2023. Time has been built into the agenda so that Synod has opportunity to discuss the proposed budget. Please do give time to thinking about any questions you might wish to raise at Synod. If possible, if you could email synod@bristoldiocese.org and let us know any questions you would like to ask in advance, we can then ensure all the information that is needed is to hand.

The **final** part will be an opportunity for Synod to discuss together the potential impact of the cost-of-living crisis. During this time, we will consider options for alleviating some of the burden this has put onto PCCs, parishioners and our wider communities.

House of Laity

Synod will formally end at 2pm. A special informal meeting of members of the House of Laity will take place after Synod, please see Bruce's letter for more information.

Lunch

In considering the environmental impact of this meeting but also wanting to thank members for giving up their time, we are providing catered lunch. A catering company will provide soup and sandwiches.

As lunch is being catered, we do need to confirm numbers 7 days before the event. Please fill in the catering form (link in email) to advise if you are attending Synod and if you have any dietary requirements by 3pm on Friday, 11 November.

0. Agenda, Diocesan Synod

Date: 19 November 2022
Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm (coffee from 9.00am)
Venue: Pattern Church, Penzance Drive, Swindon, SN5 7JL.

		Papers	Led by	Time
1.	Opening worship		Kate Davison	9.30
Diocesan Synod				
<i>Revd Trudie Wigley in the Chair</i>				
2.	Welcome Notes of last session, apologies	Y	Trudie Wigley	9.45
3.	Appointment of the members of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Limited		Trudie Wigley	9.55
4.	Bishop's Address		Bishop Viv	10.00
5.	General Synod report	Y	Ed Shaw	10.15
6.	Bishop's Council & Board of Directors report 14 July, 5 September and 17 October 2022, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deanery Synod election formula 2023 - 2026 (motion below) - CRR Scheme for Deanery Synod representation for Shine Pinehurst BMO (motion below) - Bishop's Instruments for virtual meetings of PCCs, Deanery and Diocesan Synods (to note) 	Y	Christopher Bryan	10.20
7.	Safeguarding Presentation on Past Case Review 2 (click here for more information on the Diocesan website)		Caroline Jowett-Ive Adam Bond	10.35
Coffee				11.05
<i>Bruce Fynamore in the Chair</i>				
8.	Bristol DBF Budget 2023 (motion below)	Y	Richard Bacon	11.25
9.	Question Time		Bruce Fynamore	12.05
Lunch				12.30
10.	Cost-of-living crisis	Y	Richard Leaman	1.15
11.	Blessing and close		Bishop Viv	2.00

Next Diocesan Synod

Saturday, 18th March (9.00am – 1.00pm) at St Michael's, Stoke Gifford

Saturday, 10th June (9.00am – 1.00pm) at St Michael's, Stoke Gifford

Saturday, 11th November (9.00am – 3.30pm), venue to be confirmed

Proposed motions for debate

6: Christopher Bryan (Archdeacon of Malmesbury) to move:

- a) that this report be received.
- b) that in accordance with Church Representation Rules the number of lay representatives on Deanery Synods shall be in proportion to the number on the church electoral roll of each parish in accordance with the formula approved by the Bishop's Council via email between 21 – 28/10/2022.
- c) the Church Representation Rules (CRR) Scheme for Shine Pinehurst BMO is approved.
- d) The Bishop's Instruments for virtual meetings of PCCs, Deanery and Diocesan Synods are noted.

8: Richard Bacon (Vice Chair of Diocesan Board of Finance) to move:

that this Synod authorises the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Limited to expend in the year 2023 sums totalling £10,968,000 in respect of the items in the Budget for that year.

NOTES

a) BUSINESS

No business other than that specified on the Agenda shall be introduced except by the President or an urgent matter by any member who previously obtains the special sanction of the President.

b) ATTENDANCE

On arrival, members should indicate their attendance on the deanery lists. Apologies for absence may be sent to the Secretary via the form (access via link on email).

c) QUESTION TIME

Questions may be submitted in writing to the Secretary seven days in advance of the meeting and written answers will be provided and spoken to. Members may ask up to two original questions and may ask one supplementary question in respect of each original question. With a larger Synod, written questions and supplementary questions to them are prioritised and as many as possible will be addressed within the 25 minutes set aside. Verbal questions will be allowed if there is time.

Questions should relate to the duties of an officer or the business of the body concerned and should not ask for an opinion or the solution of either an abstract legal question or a hypothetical problem.

d) VISITORS

Visitors are welcome to attend. Please email synod@bristoldiocese.org to advise if a visitor is attending. Visitors are welcome to participate in small group discussions but have no vote or voice in debate and the proceedings.

e) INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM AND DISABLED ACCESS

An induction loop system is available at Synod meetings. If you wish to use this facility, please speak to the Secretary on arrival. If you require disabled access of special facilities, please let the Secretary know in advance.

f) REFRESHMENTS

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available on arrival. Lunch will also be provided.

g) DIRECTIONS & CAR PARKING

Please see attached.