



Diocese of Bristol

## Introductory note for the Diocesan Synod, 10 June 2023

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### To: Diocesan Synod members

Please find enclosed the agenda and papers for the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd (DBF) and Diocesan Synod at St Michael's Centre, The Green, Stoke Gifford BS34 8PD

You will note that the papers include the draft minutes from 18 March 2023. If you have any comments about those minutes, please click on the link in paperwork email.

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

The **first** part is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd where, as members of the company, you will be asked to elect a Chair of the DBF and to vote on two motions proposed by the Chair, Andrew Lucas. Our Annual Report and Financial Statements, which provides both a numerical and discursive record of how the DBF fared in 2022, are in the process of being signed off and will be circulated week commencing 29 May 2023 once approved by Bishop's Council

Once received, if you have any technical questions about the contents of the Annual Report and Financial Statements, please use the link in the email before the meeting and we will seek to provide an answer.

The **second** part of the meeting will cover more routine business and will include reports from the most recent meetings of the Bishop's Council / Board of Directors / DMPC, Net Zero and Risk Register/Score Card updates.

The **final** part of the meeting will focus on Safeguarding, hidden disability, and Transforming Church. Together (TC.T). During the TC.T section, the archdeacons will lead an interactive session with opportunity for Synod members to discuss TC.T.



## DRAFT Agenda, Diocesan Synod

**Date:** 10 June 2023

**Time:** 9.30am to 1.00pm (coffee from 9.00am)

**Venue:** St Michael's Centre, The Green, Stoke Gifford BS34 8PD

			Papers	Led by	Time
1.	Opening worship			Charles Sutton	9:30am
<b>Annual General Meeting of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd</b>					
<i>Andrew Lucas in the Chair</i>					
2.	Election of Chair of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd for the period from 1 September 2023 until the AGM 2025.	LO	Y	Andrew Lucas	9:40am
<i>Andrew Lucas in the Chair</i>					
3.	The Directors' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022	LO	To follow	Andrew Lucas	9:45am
The Chair of the Board of Finance to propose: that the BDBF receives and adopts the Directors' Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Limited for the year ended 31st December 2022.					
4.	Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31 December 2023	DOE		Andrew Lucas	10:00am
The Chair of the Board to propose: that the BDBF appoints Mazars LLP as auditors for the year ending 31st December 2023 and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.					
5.	Appointment of a member of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd  The Revd Matt Stone (Chippenham Deanery)	LO		Andrew Lucas	10:05am
<b>Diocesan Synod</b>					
<i>Bruce Fynamore in the Chair</i>					
6.	Welcome Minutes of last meeting, apologies	LO	Y		10:05am

			<b>Papers</b>	<b>Led by</b>	<b>Time</b>
7.	Bishop's Address	I		Bishop Viv	10:15am
8.	Bishop's Council & Board of Directors report 9 May	LO	Y	Kaf Smith	10:30am
9.	Net Zero Update	I		Richard Leaman	10:40am
10.	Risk Register and Scorecard briefing	I		Richard Leaman and Rob Mountain	10:50am
11.	Question Time	I			11:10am
<b>Coffee Break</b>					11:30am
<i>Trudie Wigley in the Chair</i>					
12.	Safeguarding Annual Report for 2022	LO	Y	Caroline Jowett-Ive	11:50am
13.	Hidden Disability – sunflower lanyards	I	Y	Alice Kemp	12:00am
14.	Transforming Church. Together – The Archdeacons will facilitate table conversations on engaging with the support from national church - the good news and joy that that brings; what particular part of TCT are you most excited about; what Scripture and/or person in Scripture relates to that; next steps.	I		Neil Warwick and Christopher Bryan	12:15am
15.	Blessing and close			Bishop Viv	By 1pm

### **Proposed motions for debate**

8: Kaf Smith to move:  
that this report be received.

Upcoming Synods:  
Pattern Church, Swindon on 18 November 2023

### **Diocesan Synod legend**

Purpose: to outline the functions of Synod (with abbreviations), and for those abbreviations to be used against each agenda item.

<b>Function</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>
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Article 8 decisions passed down by General Synod, or fulfilling Synod's statutory legal obligations	LO
Decisions on expenditure	DOE
Discussion, and advice to the Bishop	D&A
Information briefings to enable Diocesan Synod members to be in a advocating and enabling particular areas of Diocesan business	I