

# DIOCESAN SYNOD

A summary for sharing...



16 NOVEMBER 2024

## A NEW TRIENNIUM... AND A GOODBYE

On Saturday 16 November, members of Diocesan Synod met for the first meeting of the new triennium (a fancy word for a three-year term).

The meeting also marked Bishop's Ruth last Diocesan Synod with us as Acting Bishop of Coventry, after a year in the role.

Bishop's Ruth Presidential Address can be read in full on our [website](#)

## 2025 BUDGET

Synod reviewed the proposed 2025 budget for the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance (CDBF). The budget is reviewed by the Diocesan Finance Group and Investment Sub-Committee before being scrutinised by Bishop's Council who are the Directors and Trustees of the DBF.

Following the recommendation by Bishop's Council, Diocesan Synod approved the 2025 CDBF budget, authorising a maximum expenditure for the upcoming year of £14.232 million.

More detail about the budget can be found in this [presentation](#).

## OUR SHARED FUTURE

Archdeacon Missioner Barry Dugmore and Diocesan Secretary Jacqueline Ladds shared an overview of the vision and strategy for the whole diocese - Our Shared Future.

They summarised some of the challenges facing our parishes, schools, chaplaincies and Cathedral, and outlined the steps that will be taken to prepare ourselves for the arrival of Bishop Sophie in Spring 2025. More info in this [presentation](#).

Bishop Ruth led a reflection on John 10:10, encouraging synod members to consider what Jesus' promise might mean for our diocese "... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

## APPOINTMENT OF DIOCESAN BISHOPS - A MEMBERS' MOTION

Synod debated and voted on a motion brought by a member concerning the process by which Bishops are appointed.

Synod agreed a motion which will now be passed to General Synod, requesting changes to the timeline in those cases where an appointment is not initially made.



## NET ZERO

Revd Tim Cockell, Acting Archdeacon Pastor and Chair of the Net Zero Steering Group, gave an update on the achievements of the last year and the challenges still to come. A summary can be viewed [here](#).

## READ MORE & STAY CONNECTED

Information about Diocesan Synod, Bishop's Council and our committees can be found on the Diocese of Coventry's [website](#)