

## Coventry Diocesan Synod - 18 November 2023 - AGENDA

The agenda for a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Synod, which will be on Saturday 18 November 2023 at 9.30am at All Saints' Church, Emscote, Warwick, CV34 5NL. Refreshments will be available from 9am.

<i>The opening of the meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Coventry, under the Standing Orders 2009</i>			
<i>The President to take the Chair</i>			
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening prayer and worship</b> To be led by Charles Higgins, clergy chaplain to Diocesan Synod. Introduction of Helen Bryant, lay chaplain to Diocesan Synod.	09:30	CH /HB
<b>2</b>	<b>Presidential Address and introduction of Bishop Ruth Worsley, Acting Bishop of Coventry</b>	09:45	+R
<b>3</b>	<b>Notices and apologies for absence</b>	10:05	+R
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes (DS 23-15)</b> To approve the minutes of the Diocesan Synod meeting held on 22 June 2023.		+R
<b>5</b>	<b>Promulgation of Amending Canon No. 42 (DS 23-16)</b>	10:15	JD
<i>The Chair of the House of Laity to take the chair</i>			
<b>6</b>	<b>General Synod feedback</b> Overview of the July 2023 General Synod session.	10:20	JJ
<b>7</b>	<b>Our Shared Future (DS 23-17)</b> Synod to note the Strategic Framework as reviewed by Bishop's Council.	10:35	BD/ JL
<b>8</b>	<b>2024 Budget for the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance (DS 23-18)</b> The Interim Chair of the Board of Finance to introduce and to move the motion: <i>"that this Synod:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Approve the 2024 budget, as recommended by Bishop's Council, noting the release of historic funds to fund the planned activities</i></li> <li>• <i>Pass a resolution to authorise expenditure in 2024 up to a maximum of £12.520m"</i></li> </ul>	10:45	CB
<b>Coffee Break</b>		11:00	
<i>The Chair of the House of Clergy to take the chair</i>			
<b>9</b>	<b>2024 Triennial Elections to Diocesan Synod (DS 23-19)</b> Synod to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the number of elected spaces for the 2024-2027 Diocesan Synod</li> <li>• Approve the voting method to be used in the Diocesan Synod elections</li> <li>• Note the timetable for Diocesan Synod and Bishop's Council elections</li> </ul>	11:15	JL
<b>10</b>	<b>Net Zero Carbon (DS 23-20a, b, c)</b> The Acting Archdeacon Pastor to introduce and move the motion: <i>that this Synod:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Supports the milestones outlined within the national Routemap to Net Zero Carbon and seeks to meet those as far as possible within the context of the Diocese of Coventry.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Endorses the proposed Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Action Plan as an essential direction of travel, and recommends that the priorities and actions identified within the Action Plan form part of future strategic and budgetary decision-making.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Calls on parishes, schools, the Cathedral and others associated with the Diocese to continue their positive Net Zero Carbon and Eco work and form their own plans consistent with the Diocesan intention."</i></li> </ol> Synod to note the annual emissions/progress report (DS 23-20c).	11:30	TC

11	<b>Member Motions</b> <i>Deadline for motions arising from the agenda is 8 November – if no motions are received, this item will not be needed.</i>	12:00	
12	<b>Papers to note</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update from the Governance Review working group (DS 23-21)</li> <li>• Update on the Vacancy in See process (DS 23-22)</li> </ul>	12:20	PS
13	<b>Questions received under Standing Order 69</b> <i>Deadline for questions is 8 November – if no questions are received, this item will not be needed.</i>		+R
14	<b>2024 meeting dates</b> Sat 9 March, Tues 2 July (evening), Sat 16 November		
<b>Bishop Ruth to close the meeting</b>		12:30	+R