

Coventry Diocesan Synod – 16 NOVEMBER 2024 – AGENDA

The agenda for a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Synod, which will be on **Saturday 16 November** at **9.30am at Hope Hall, Harris Church of England Academy, Overslade Lane, Rugby (satnav postcode CV22 6DX)**. 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>			
1	Opening prayer and worship To be led by Revd Charles Higgins and Helen Bryant, chaplains to Diocesan Synod	09:30	+R
2	Notices and apologies for absence	09:55	+R
3	Minutes (DS 24-19) To approve the minutes of the Diocesan Synod meeting held on 2 July 2024		
4	Presidential address and welcome The acting Bishop of Coventry to address and welcome the new Diocesan Synod	10:00	
<i>The Chair of the House of Laity to take the chair</i>			
5	General Synod feedback Overview of the July 2024 General Synod session. An introduction to General Synod is provided for information (DS 24-20)	10:15	KM
6	Introduction to a new Diocesan Synod The Chairs of the Houses of Laity and Clergy to speak to the new Diocesan Synod, explaining the working of synod within the governance framework, outlining its key aims, purposes and responsibilities, and encouraging all members to fully engage and participate.	10:25	PS / CM
7	2025 Budget for the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance (DS 24-21) An overview of the 2025 budget from the Director of Finance. The Chair of the DBF to introduce and move the motion - <i>That this Synod:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Approve the 2025 budget, as recommended by Bishop’s Council</i> • <i>Authorise expenditure in 2025 up to a maximum of £14.232m</i> • <i>Note the use of unapplied total return approved in prior years</i> 	10:40	KB SC
Coffee Break		11:05	

<i>The Chair of the House of Clergy to take the chair</i>			
8	Diocesan Strategy Our Shared Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to the strategic framework • Discerning our vision – Synod to discuss what John 10:10 means to our individual and collective spiritual journey, in small groups 	11:25	JL/BD +R
9	Our Shared Future – Renewing the Environment (DS 24-22) Annual update and emissions report from the Net Zero Steering Group Chair, with opportunity for questions	11:45	TC
10	Member Motion Tim Pollard to introduce and move the motion - <i>That this Synod</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>recognise the great pain caused whenever an appointment is not made for a diocesan bishop,</i> 2. <i>recognise in industry and national charitable organisations, that senior director roles are sometimes not filled after the first round of interviews, and that in many parishes several rounds of interview are required before a successful appointment,</i> 3. <i>recognise the pain that must be felt in Carlisle and Ely, which after a failure to appoint a Bishop will each have to wait roughly a year before another set of interviews,</i> 4. <i>believe that no other organisation or parish church would consider that form of delay on appointment to be acceptable,</i> 5. <i>request the Crown Nominations Commission to draft new proposals that enable more rapid return to shortlisting and interviews whenever an initial CNC process has concluded with no appointment, such proposals should limit delay for any further rounds of interviews to be no longer than two months.</i> 	12:00	TP
11	DBE and Vacancy in See elections (DS 24-23a, b) A reminder to synod of the opportunity to join the Diocesan Board of Education or Vacancy in See Committee (nominations are open from 4 Nov to 19 Nov).	12:25	JL
12	Questions received under Standing Order 69 <i>Deadline 6 Nov</i>	12:30	+R
13	2025 Meeting Dates Sat 15 March (am), Tues 8 July (eve), Sat 22 Nov (am)		
Bishop Ruth to close the meeting		12:40	+R