

Coventry Diocesan Synod – 15 MARCH 2025 – AGENDA

The agenda for a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Synod, which will be on **Saturday 15 March at 9.30am at St John the Evangelist, 205 Warwick Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1HY**. Refreshments will be available from 9am.

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| <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 | HB/ CH |
| 2 | Notices and apologies for absence | 09:45 | +T |
| 3 | Minutes (DS 25-02) To approve the minutes of the Diocesan Synod meeting held on 16 November 2024 | | |
| 4 | Presidential address and welcome | 09:50 | |
| <i>The Chair of the House of Laity to take the chair</i> | | | |
| 5 | Annual Safeguarding Update (DS 25-03 a, b) Annual update from the Director of Safeguarding and Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Scrutiny Group. | 10:00 | SP/ TW |
| 6 | Reflection on recent national events The Chairs of the Houses of Laity and Clergy will invite Diocesan Synod to reflect on recent events within the life of the church including the publication of the Makin report and the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Synod will have the opportunity to consider and discuss the impact at a national and local level in small groups. There will be a short plenary session to gather any particular concerns or observations that synod members wish to share. | 10:25 | PS/ CM |
| 7 | General Synod feedback Overview of the Feb 2025 General Synod session. | 10:50 | JJ |
| Coffee Break | | 11:00 | |
| <i>The Chair of the House of Clergy to take the chair</i> | | | |
| 8 | Our Shared Future – New Worshipping Communities and Healthy Churches Updates on the activities underway and planned across the diocese, with an opportunity for small group discussion and feedback. | 11:20 | JJ/ CH |
| 9 | Our Shared Future – Renewing the Environment (DS 25-04 a, b) An update on the Eco Diocese Silver criteria. Synod are asked to endorse the diocesan Environment Policy which has been updated in line with the requirements of Eco Diocese Silver. | 11:55 | TC |
| 10 | Diocesan Trustees (DS 25-05) Diocesan Synod appointment of Diocesan Trustees. | 12:10 | JL |
| 11 | Questions received under Standing Order 69 <i>Deadline 5 March</i> | 12:15 | +T |
| 12 | 2025 Meeting Dates Tues 8 July (eve), Sat 22 Nov (am) | | |
| Bishop Tim to close the meeting | | 12:30 | |