



THE SIXTH SESSION  
OF THE  
SIXTEENTH DIOCESAN SYNOD

will be held at  
Sussex Downs College  
1 Mountfield Road, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 2XH

On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## AGENDA

**10.00a.m. CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** with  
Presidential address

### **MEETING OF THE CHICHESTER DIOCESAN FUND AND BOARD OF FINANCE (INCORPORATED)**

1. PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 ACCOUNTS (see  
separate booklet)

Mr John Booth (Chair) to move *“That the Annual  
Accounts and report of the DBF for 2017 be  
received”*.

2. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Mr John Booth (Chair) to move *“That haysmacintyre,  
Chartered Accountants, be re-appointed as auditors  
of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of  
the next Annual General Meeting”*.

3. PARISH MINISTRY COSTS

Mr Brian Porter to move *“that this Synod approves  
the retention of the current parish share and parish  
ministry costs system for the next five years”*.

4. MISSION FUND (see pages 1-3 of the supporting  
papers)

Debate on the Mission Fund and how to resource it,  
led by the Chair of the Mission Fund, the  
Archdeacon of Horsham, and Mr John Booth.

## MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

1. VOCATIONS – update from the Diocesan Director of Ordinands.
2. SETTING GOD’S PEOPLE FREE – presentation by the Officer for Lay Vocations and Ministry, the Archdeacon of Horsham, Mr Mark Talbot, Mrs Catherine Butcher and the Revd Dr Andy Angel.
3. DEANERY SYNOD MOTION  
A representative of Midhurst Deanery Synod to move *“That this Synod recommends that Lay Reader Training be held within the Chichester Diocese”*.
4. COUNCIL FOR LAY MINISTRY AND DISCIPLESHIP  
The Bishop of Lewes to move *“that the Readers’ Committee be replaced by a Council for Lay Ministry and Discipleship with terms of reference as set out on pages 5-6 of the supporting papers”*.
5. THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND THE CARLILE REVIEW IN THE MATTER OF BISHOP GEORGE BELL  
Statement by the Bishop of Chichester followed by questions (see pages 7-10 of the supporting papers).

**1.00p.m. LUNCH**

## **2.00p.m. MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD**

6. THE TOURISM CHALLENGE: How to provide hospitality and a warm welcome for pilgrims and visitors to our churches throughout the year: Mr Nigel Smith, CEO of Tourism South East.
7. SUSSEX HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – Presentation by Mrs Sara Stonor.
8. CONSULTATION ON SCHEMES OF DELEGATION TO THE SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS: The Bishop of Chichester to move *“That this Synod approves the making of the draft Schemes on pages 13-25 of the supporting papers”*.
9. SCHEME UNDER THE INSPECTION OF CHURCHES MEASURE 1955: The Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches to move *“That the Scheme on pages 26-27 of the supporting papers be made”*.
10. PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANONS 36 and 37
11. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 72(a): The Bishop of Chichester to move *“That the Dean of Self-Supporting Ministry be added as an Ex officio member of the Bishop’s Council”*.

12. REPORT ON THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL – written report (pages 28-29 of the supporting papers)  
Canon Mark Gilbert to move *“That this report be received”*.
13. REPORT FROM GENERAL SYNOD – written report (pages 30-31 of the supporting papers)  
Mr Bradley Smith to move *“That this report be received”*.
14. REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES (see separate booklet)  
Note: these reports will not be discussed unless notice has been given in writing to the Diocesan Secretary by 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
15. QUESTIONS UNDER SO69  
Under Standing Order 69 all questions received by 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 will be tabled on an order paper.
16. FAREWELL to the Archdeacon of Chichester, farewell to Mr John Booth as Chair of the DBF and welcome to Mr Philip Bowden as the new Chair and Mrs Lesley Lynn as the new Vice-chair.

***THE MEETING WILL FINISH NO LATER THAN 4.00 P.M.***

## **NOTES:**

**ADMISSION** Members will be admitted on production of this agenda. Registration begins from 9.30am.

**LUNCH** Members are requested to bring their own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available.

## **SPEECHES**

Speeches to Synod from the floor will be limited to five minutes. A bell will be sounded after four minutes and again after five minutes.

**NB** The length of speeches may be limited still further at the discretion of the chairman.

**PROXIES** Members have the right to appoint a proxy for the meeting of the Diocesan Board of Finance under article 25 of the Board's articles of association but not for the meeting of the Diocesan Synod.

## **NEXT DIOCESAN SYNOD**

There will be a meeting of Diocesan Synod on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Details of the venue to be confirmed.

In accordance with Standing Order 26, 35 days' notice is required for any new business for the agenda. The latest date that such items should be in the hands of the Secretary is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

1. Coffee and tea will be served throughout the morning after the Eucharist. There will be no designated break for refreshments except at lunchtime.
2. Any member with a disability is invited to contact the Secretary by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to make any special arrangements necessary.
3. Any member with visual impairment who requires large print versions of any of the agenda or associated papers please contact the Secretary by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
4. When rising to speak will all Members please display their Member number cards and give their name and deanery.

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