

**DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD
DIOCESAN SYNOD**

There will be a meeting of the Diocesan Synod at Chelmsford Cathedral
starting at 9.45 am Saturday 12 November 2016

AGENDA

Estimated timing

- 09.45 ARRIVAL AND COFFEE**
- 10.00 WORSHIP**
- 10.20 I. NOTICES**
- 2. MINUTES OF DIOCESAN SYNOD HELD ON 18 JUNE 2016**
- 10.25 3. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
- 10.40 4. VOCATIONS**
- Revd Canon Roger Matthews and Revd Canon Philip Need
- Paper DS(2016)10 attached
- Presentation, discussion and debate **coffee break at 11:20**
- The Bishop of Bradwell to move that:
'This Synod
- a) *celebrates the achievements in vocational work since passing the 2010 motion.*
 - b) *Reaffirms the beginning of the 2010 motion:*
 - “This Synod rejoices in the variety of gifts entrusted to God’s people for mission and ministry in the church and world, and
 - i. endorses the commitment to raise the number of vocations in order that the gifts of all God’s people are valued, discerned and released; and the full range of ministerial resources are available to support God’s mission and ministry in the future
 - ii. recognises that the first responsibility for discerning and fostering vocations rests with the local church; and calls on every PCC to work actively with their licensed ministers to provide discernment opportunities that nurture the vocations of all the baptized to fully reflect the rich diversity of our communities.”
 - c) *Invites each Deanery, Mission and Ministry Unit and Parish to examine the national and diocesan resources and to develop appropriate local strategies to foster the full variety of vocations in their contexts.*
 - d) *Commends the Bishop’s plans for the School of Disciples initiative in 2017.*
 - e) *Commits to the Renewal and Reform target of an increase of at least 50% in ordinations on 2013 figures sustained annually from 2020.*
 - f) *Requests Bishop’s Council to examine the adequacy of our vocational processes and resources.’*
- 12.20 5. GOOD NEWS STORY: PARISH GIVING SCHEME** Revd Canon Martin Wood
A flyer with information on the scheme is attached.
- 12.40 6. RETREAT HOUSE PLESHEY UPDATE** Stewart McCredie
- 12.50 LUNCH**
- 13.30 7. MOTHER’S UNION: GENDER BASED VIOLENCE PROJECT** Judith Meaden

- 14.00 8. DIOCESAN REFUGEE GROUP UPDATE**
Paper DS(2016)11 attached Rt Revd Peter Hill/Martin Mitchell
- 14.15 9. FINANCIAL UPDATE AND FEEDBACK FROM BUDGET CONSULTATION**
Paper DS(2016)12 attached John Ball
- 14.30 10. 2017 DEANERY SYNOD ELECTION FORMULA**
Paper DS(2016)13 attached
- The Chair to move that:
- 'This Synod approve the election formula, as set out in paper DS(16)13, for use in the 2017 Deanery Synod Elections'*
- 14.40 11. BISHOP'S COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
Paper DS(2016)14 attached
- 14.45 12. QUESTIONS** see notes for details
- 15.00 CLOSE**

NOTES

Questions: In accordance with Standing Order 29 seven days prior notice is required. Questions must be received no later than Saturday 4 November 2016 either in hard copy at the Diocesan Office or by email to nwhitehead@chelmsford.anglican.org

In accordance with Standing Orders 74 and 75, members are encouraged to use this opportunity to seek information from any officer of the Synod or senior member of Diocesan staff relating to their duties or from the President of Synod or the Chair of any body constituted by the Synod or on which it is represented. Questions shall relate to the duties assigned to officers, or in the case of the Chair of any body, to the business of that body. Questions shall not ask for an expression of opinion or for the solution of an abstract legal question or a hypothetical problem.

In accordance with Standing Order 74, a member may ask up to **two** original questions at one meeting. Any member may ask a supplementary question in relation to the original question; the Chair may allow up to three supplementary questions, giving the member who tabled the original question preference.

Questions for written answer are also possible, and are often the best way of obtaining a detailed response, particularly on a complex issue: answers will be given to the questioner within 24 days of the Synod and will be reported in the Minutes.

Badges – Please wear your name badge.

Speeches – members are requested to announce their name and deanery before they address Synod.

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