DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD
DIOCESAN SYNOD

There will be a meeting of the Diocesan Synod at Chelmsford Cathedral
starting at 10.00 am Saturday 17 March 2018

AGENDA

Refreshments available from 09:30

10:00  WORSHIP LED BY THE ARCHDEACON OF SOUTHEND

10:20  1.  NOTICES

2.  MINUTES OF DIOCESAN SYNOD HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2017

10:25  3.  PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

            The Bishop of Chelmsford

10:40  4.  GROWING NEW CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Presentation on the emerging thinking in this area

DS(2018)01 attached

11:10  5.  GOOD NEWS STORY: UTC CHAPLAINCY

Followed by performance from the UTC Choir

11:35  6.  MULTI-ACADEMY TRUSTS

An update on the development of Multi-Academy Trusts in the Diocese of Chelmsford
including the partnerships with community schools

11:50  7.  DISCUSSION: WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR CONTEXT?

Synod members to reflect on how the Church engages with all schools (and parents and
families) in their local area

12:00  COFFEE BREAK

12:30  8.  EDUCATION AND MISSION: SCHOOLS, CHURCHES & FAMILIES

Paper DS(2018)02 attached

The Archdeacon of West Ham as Chair of the DBE to move that:

‘This Synod:

i)  Note the Diocesan Board of Education mission statement: go more deeply, range more widely, relate
    more closely

ii) Affirm the work of the diocesan Vine Schools Trust, welcome the more recent development of new
    partnerships with other Multi Academy Trusts, and note the extended opportunities these
    partnerships provide for churches and schools to engage

iii) Require Mission and Ministry Units and local churches to give due priority to their work with their
    local schools and colleges, including exploration of new models and provision for chaplaincy in
    schools.’
9. **BISHOP’S COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   Paper DS(2018)03 attached

10. **QUESTIONS** see notes for details

13:30 **CLOSE**

A sandwich lunch will be served after the close of Synod.

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**NOTES**

**Questions:** In accordance with Standing Order 29 seven days prior notice is required. Questions must be received no later than Saturday 10 March 2018 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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