DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD
DIOCESAN SYNOD

There will be a meeting of the Diocesan Synod at St Stephen’s Church, Canterbury Road, Colchester, CO2 7RY on Saturday 21 March 2020

AGENDA

Timings

09:30

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10:00

OPENING WORSHIP
Led by the Archdeacon of Barking

10:10

I. NOTICES

10.15

2. MINUTES OF DIOCESAN SYNOD HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2019
Attached

10.20

3. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

10.35

4. DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT GROUP AND REDBRIDGE DEANERY SYNOD MOTION
Paper DS(2020)01 attached

The Archdeacon of Chelmsford to move the motion that:

‘This Synod

1) To invite Synod to take note of the motion passed by General Synod,
2) To ask the Diocesan Environmental Group to present to the next Bishops Council on 12th May 2020 a draft plan which seeks to scope the task and possible strategy for consultation; Bishops Council to then initiate a process of consultations across the diocese. The consultation to take place between May and 31st July 2020 The DEG then to draw up an amended plan to present to Bishops Council on 5th November 2020 and then to be presented for adoption by Diocesan Synod on 21st November 2020.’

Philip Carnelley to move the motion that:

‘This Synod:

1) encourage each Parochial Church Council in the Diocese of Chelmsford to engage with the A Rocha Eco Church scheme, aiming for at least a bronze award,
2) invite the Bishop of Chelmsford to register Chelmsford Diocese’s intent to become an Eco Diocese, and
3) commission the Diocesan Environmental Group to coordinate progress towards Eco Diocese status.’

11:15

COFFEE BREAK
5. **QUESTIONS** see notes for details

6. **MOVING FROM SUBSIDY TO SUSTAINABILITY**
   Paper DS(2020)02 attached

   The Bishop of Chelmsford to move that:

   ‘This Synod approve the policy for “Vacancy Management and Ministry Deployment” to facilitate a financially sustainable and mutually supportive future for the Diocese of Chelmsford.’

7. **BISHOP'S COUNCIL, DMPC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   Paper DS(2020)03 attached

13:40 7. **BISHOP'S COUNCIL, DMPC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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13:45 **CLOSE**

Lunch will be served after the close of Synod.

**NOTES**

Questions: In accordance with Standing Order 29 five days prior notice is required. Questions must be received no later than 9am on Monday 16 March 2020 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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