There will be a meeting of the Diocesan Synod at All Saints Church, West Ham, Church Street, Stratford, London, E15 3HU on Saturday 15 June 2019

AGENDA

Timings
09:30
REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10:00
MEETING OF HOUSE OF LAITY
See separate agenda

10:05
OPENING WORSHIP
Led by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford

10:20
1. NOTICES

10:25
2. MINUTES OF DIOCESAN SYNOD HELD ON 16 MARCH 2019
Attached

10:30
3. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

10:45
4. INTERFAITH: PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT
In preparation for this item and the debate on the motion members are encouraged to read the attached ‘Presence and Engagement’ report – paper DS(2019)04. This report was debated at General Synod in July 2017, where it received strong affirmation.

The President to move the motion that:

‘The Church of England’s Presence and Engagement strategy agreed at General Synod in July 2017 for its mission and ministry amongst people of other faiths affirmed ‘the pressing need for religions to find ways to live together’, and that ‘churches have a significant role to play in enabling diverse communities to "pursue the things that make for peace"’. In the Diocese of Chelmsford we commit ourselves to a confident engagement with the world rooted in our understanding of the revelation of God in Christ, and call upon all parishes to reach out in friendship, neighbourliness and witness to people of all faith traditions.’

11:45
COFFEE BREAK

12:05
5. CDBF AGM
Separate agenda and papers attached
6.  **2020 BUDGET**  
   Paper DS(2019)05 attached
   
   The Chair of the CDBF to move:
   
   ‘This Synod
   a) approve the Diocesan Budget for 2020 and the total Share of £17,072,846.
   b) approve the apportionment of the total Share according to the approved Share scheme; and
   c) agree a cap of 0% in increases in gross share (before credits) for 2020 compared with 2019, for
   benefices operating under transitional Benefice Share who meet their costs of ministry (except
   where specific agreements are made or there is a material increase in ministry establishment)
   d) agree a cap of 2.5% in increases in gross share (before credits) for 2020 compared with 2019,
   for benefices operating under transitional Benefice Share who do not meet their costs of ministry
   (except where specific agreements are made or there is a material increase in ministry
   establishment).’

7.  **GOOD NEWS STORY: CANNING TOWN**  
   Presentation by the Revd Benedict Atkins, Priest in Charge of Canning Town

8.  **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**  
   Bishop Stephen

9.  **BISHOP’S COUNCIL, DMPC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
   Paper DS(2019)06 attached

10.  **QUESTIONS** see notes for details

13:40  
   **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 10 June 2019 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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