

**DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD
DIOCESAN SYNOD**

There will be a meeting of the Diocesan Synod at Chelmsford Cathedral
starting at 9.45 am Saturday 18 June 2016

AGENDA

Estimated timing

- 09.45 ARRIVAL AND COFFEE**
- 10.00 WORSHIP**
- 10.20 1. NOTICES**
- 2. MINUTES OF DIOCESAN SYNOD HELD ON 12 MARCH 2016**
- 10.25 3. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
- 10.40 4. NEW HOUSING AREAS AND STRATEGIC MISSION PRIORITY AREAS**
Ven Annette Cooper and Carol Richards
Paper DS(2016)4 attached
Presentation, discussion and debate **coffee break at 11:20**
- Ven Annette Cooper to move that:
- 'This Synod note the mission opportunities and challenges of new housing areas and call on the Area Mission and Pastoral Committees to oversee plans to respond to strategic mission priority areas in this diocese.'*
- 12.00 5. EVELYN UNDERHILL ANNIVERSARY WALK – PRAYER**
- 12.10 6. DBF AGM** see separate agenda
- 12.15 7. BUDGET 2017**
Paper DS(2016)5 attached
- 12.35 HOUSE OF LAITY MEETING** see separate agenda
- 12.40 LUNCH**
- 13.20 8. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: CITIZENS UK** Rt Revd Roger Morris
Paper DS(2016)6 attached
- Rt Revd Roger Morris to move that:
- 'This Synod commends the work of Citizens UK and asks the Bishop's Council to explore ways in which the relationship of Citizens UK with churches in this diocese could be developed'*
- 14.15 9. NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PRACTICE GUIDANCE**
To take note of the latest policy and guidance
Paper DS(2016)7 attached

14.20 10. ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT MOTION – WITHDRAWAL

Paper DS(2016)8 attached

The Chair to move that:

‘This Synod note and commend the work of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Anglican Communion since his appointment, note that the following motion passed by this Diocesan Synod on 3 March 2012 is now out of date, and therefore rescind the said following motion and withdraw the request for it to be debated by the General Synod.’

*‘This Diocesan Synod requests the General Synod to debate the following motion:
“That this Synod:*

(a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;

(b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and

(c) call on the House of Bishops:

i. to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England’s involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);

ii. to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and

iii. to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference.” ’

14.25 11. BISHOP'S COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paper DS(2016)9 attached

14.30 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 11 June 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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