There will be a meeting of the Diocesan Synod at Chelmsford Cathedral starting at 9.15 am Saturday 12 March 2016

AGENDA

Estimated timing

09.15 ARRIVAL AND COFFEE

09.40 WORSHIP

10.00 1. NOTICES

2. MINUTES OF DIOCESAN SYNOD HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2015

10.05 3. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell

10.15 4. GOOD NEWS STORY: DIOCESAN REFUGEE ACTION GROUP

Martin Mitchell

10:45 COFFEE BREAK

11.05 5. PARISH SHARE SCHEME PROPOSAL

Rvd Canon Jenny Tomlinson

Paper DS(2016)1 attached

Revd Canon Jenny Tomlinson to move the motion:

‘This Synod note the Final Report of the Parish Share Review Group and request the Bishop’s Council implements the new scheme and transitional arrangements (including suspension of the current Deanery Share Scheme) from 1 January 2017.’

12.30 6. UPDATE ON MULTI ACADEMY TRUSTS

Rvd Tim Elbourne

Paper DS(2016)2 attached

12.45 7. REPORT ON SHARED CONVERSATIONS ON SCRIPTURE, SEXUALITY AND MISSION

Information on the Shared Conversations can be found at

http://www.sharedconversations.org/

13.00 8. BISHOP’S COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paper DS(2016)3 attached
9. ANNUAL REPORT TO DIOCESAN SYNOD

A copy of the Annual Briefing to Parishes is enclosed. Glossy versions of the Briefing will be available at the Synod for those members would like one. Please ensure that any questions arising from this document are submitted in accordance with Standing Order 29 to assist the relevant person in answering them.

13:05 10. QUESTIONS see notes for details

13.15 CLOSE

NOTES

Questions: In accordance with Standing Order 29, seven days prior notice is required. Questions must be received no later than Saturday 5 March 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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