

DIOCESAN SYNOD

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, CORFE MULLEN, BH21 3LE
ON SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2020 10:00 am – 15:15 pm

AGENDA

9:30 – 10:00 Coffee

1. 10:00 SERVICE OF THE WORD with Presidential Address by the Bishop
2. 10:30 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING
Minutes of the last meeting are attached.
3. NOTICES, CO-OPTIONS AND APOLOGIES
4. 10:40 DIOCESAN PRIORITIES and FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

Part 1 **Renewing Hope, Refreshing our Priorities 2020** - presentation by Bishop of Sherborne followed by questions and Synod discussion.

The Bishop of Sherborne to move on behalf of Bishop's Council:

'That this Synod celebrates the Renewing Hope journey that the Diocese of Salisbury has been on and adopts the priorities for growth and next steps as proposed.'

Supporting paper entitled 'Renewing Hope, Refreshing our Vision 2020' attached.

Please note, this contains links to optional additional background papers to provide Synod members with a fuller context for the discussion of the Renewing Hope item:

- *Extract from Bishop's Council paper July 2019*
- *Bishop John Gladwin report, consolidated feedback.*
- *Bishop John Gladwin report, feedback from Diocesan Synod June 2019*
- *Paper on the External Environment from Bishop's Council September 2019*
- *Environment Policy and Strategic Aims from Diocesan Synod November 2019*

Part 2 **5 Year Financial Framework** - update by Nigel Salisbury, Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance and Liz Ashmead, Director of Finance, Property and Asset Management followed by questions and Synod discussion.

Paper to follow after the Finance Committee meeting on 21 February.

5. 12.10 PASTORAL PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING WELL TOGETHER Bishop of Ramsbury
Presentation and group discussion.

Link to background document <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/Pastoral%20Principle%20Cards%20May%202019.pdf>.

13.15 – 13.50 LUNCH

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6. 13.50 GENERAL SYNOD REPORT

Debbie McIsaac

7. 14.00 FAIRER SHARE

Rosemary Cook

Review of the principles, process and proposals for a revised Share System

Introduction by Rosemary Cook and the Diocesan Secretary David Pain followed by questions and discussion

Papers to follow after the Finance Committee meeting on 21 February.

Synod is asked to note progress.

8. 14:45 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Social Responsibility Programme Manager

Synod is asked to receive the Annual Report of the Social Justice Working Group (paper attached).

9. TO NOTE

Synod is invited to note that a Resolution has been received from Bradford Deanery Synod (see below) relating to the allocation of parochial fees. The matter will be discussed by the Diocesan Finance Committee on 21 February and their deliberations will be discussed at Synod.

“Bradford on Avon Deanery Synod notes with concern the changes relating to fees paid in respect of cremations, graveside services or services in funeral directors’ chapels of rest, whereby a parish may provide a priest to officiate, but no longer receives any part of the fee. The Synod urges Diocesan Synod to take note of this, and to invite the Diocese to remit to the parishes an appropriate part of the fee. Synod also urges that in the next quinquennium General Synod representatives press for the Fees Order to be amended to correct the obvious anomaly that the parish that does the work receives no financial recompense.”

10. QUESTIONS

SYNOD CLOSES no later than 15:15

Meeting Dates and Future Agenda Items 2020

16 June (evening) – AGM and 2021 budget.

17 October – Living in love and faith/Welcoming the Channel Islands.