

Synod of the Diocese of Truro

Agenda for a meeting on 14th November 2020 at 9am

A meeting of the members of the Truro Diocesan Synod

The meeting is to be held by “Zoom”

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkdO2srDksGtGhk4VXySg2SWj4Mcl1cybO>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

	Meeting as Truro Diocesan Synod	Timing
1	Welcome, housekeeping, introductions	9.00
2	Opening Worship to be led from the Isles of Scilly	
3	Presidential Address	
4	Breakout Groups to reflect and pray	
5	Break	10.00
6	Greetings from The Revd Nabil Shehadi, CMS Mission Partner in Beirut	10.10
7	“Setting God’s People Free” a report	10.20
8	Breakout Groups to reflect and pray	
9	Diocesan Synod elections & membership 2021 - 2024* <i>see below</i>	
10	Adoption of a Diocesan Scheme for the Inspection of Churches* <i>see below</i>	
11	Adoption of a Diocesan Safeguarding Strategy	10.55
12	Break	
13	Greetings and Bible reflection from Bishop Johan Dalman of Strängnäs	11.20
	Financial Business, meeting as the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance	
14	Diocesan Budget for 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the budget document • Breakout groups for reflection and discussion • Questions and comment • The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance will move that Synod approve the budget, the question shall be: “That the budget be approved; or that the budget be referred back to the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee.” 	11.30
14	Questions under Standing Orders XB 18 and XB21 Questions must be received by the Diocesan Secretary by 7 th November 2020	
15	Prayer, music, blessing	
16	Close not later than 1pm	

Please Note: Timings are an approximate guide!

* Note for item 9

Diocesan Synod elections and membership 2021-2024

The chair of the house of laity will move that “Synod note the calculation for the number of representatives by deanery, for the Diocesan Synod triennium of 2021-24”

- Every three years a new Diocesan Synod is elected, there is an election next year, 2021
- The number of lay and ordained representatives from each deanery depends on a calculation based on the electoral roll numbers in the previous the year; that is this year.
- We agreed how to do the calculation in 2017, and we are not proposing to change this, but Synod will need to note the numbers of representatives that come out the end of the process.
- At the time of writing, the date for APCMs and reporting electoral roll numbers has not passed so we do not have the final numbers ready.
- Synod will be provided with the final numbers separately by email just prior to the meeting and they will be “tabled” at the meeting

Note for item 10

The Adoption of a Diocesan Scheme for the Inspection of Churches

The chair of the house of laity will move that “Synod adopt the published Scheme for the Inspection of Churches”

- There are legal requirements for the inspection of churches and other consecrated buildings, the legal requirements changed in 2019 and the changes come into force this year.
- A summary of the changes can be found on the Church of England website (search for Quinquennial Inspections) they are mainly about the appointment of inspectors
- Because of the changes, Diocesan Synod needs to make a new “Scheme” to regulate the local arrangements. We have largely adopted the national guidance and best practice.
- In line with some other dioceses, we have made a slight amendment to allow the DAC to make variations in the Scheme without having to come back to Synod for every change.

Questions

Please refer to the **Standing Order item XB18**.

Enclosures

- TDS20(12) Minutes of the meeting of Diocesan Synod on 26 September 2020
- TDS20(13) Diocesan Scheme for the Inspection of Churches
- TDS20(14) Diocesan safeguarding strategy
- TDS20(15) TDBF Budget 2021 - 2030
- Diocesan synod numbers based on electoral roll (to follow, deadline for submission from parishes is 4 November)
- Proxy voting form
- Diocesan Synod members list

Dates of future meetings of Diocesan Synod

Saturday 22 May, 2021

Synod of the Child

AGM of Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd

Saturday 25 September, 2021

Saturday 27 November, 2021