

**Truro Diocesan Synod - Notice
Saturday 18th May 2024**

A meeting of the members of Truro Diocesan Synod and the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Limited will be held at the Church of St Michael the Archangel, Newquay TR7 1RA and online via Zoom, on Saturday, 18th May, 2024, commencing at 9.30am with refreshments available from 9.00am

Simon Cade
Diocesan Secretary

Meeting as Diocesan Synod, the business will include:

Worship for the Eve of Pentecost
Presidential Address
Questions under Standing Orders

A report on the work of the Ministry team, focussing on new patterns of ministry, in particular “oversight” and “local” ministry.

A report on the ministry and work of churchwardens, and how parishes, the diocese, and the national church, can best support them.

The launch of work led by Bishop Graham James to help support smaller churches in the diocese.

Approval of an instrument to provide for the delegation of episcopal authority in the diocese (formalising what Bishop Hugh can ask Bishop Graham to do).

And brief items, mainly by way of report:

- A report on the February Sessions of General Synod
- A report on the work of the Vacancy in See Committee
- A report on arrangements for Diocesan Synod elections

Meeting as members of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Limited, the business will include:

The Annual General Meeting of the Company

- To approve the 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements
- To appoint auditors
- To appoint solicitors

SPECIAL NOTES

Detailed agenda

We will publish the full agenda with reports and draft timings about three weeks prior to the meeting, and then as usual more detailed timings and any late changes a day or two before the meeting.

Churchwardens

Please note that as part of the report on the ministry and work of churchwardens we would like to hear from some of our churchwardens, both at synod and as we prepare. If you are a churchwarden and would like to volunteer, please let us know, or if you could encourage your churchwarden(s) to volunteer please do so! We would like to interview some in advance to hear their ideas and about what it is like to serve in this way, as well as hear from some on the day. We want to hear about the joys of course, but also the frustrations or challenges that come with this important role.

Synod online

We know that almost half of our synod members sometimes choose to take part online rather than in person, and that visitors attend online as well as in person. Regrettably, at our last synod in November, some visitors tried to use the online voting system to vote when they were not entitled to do so, thus we will need to make some changes to arrangements for online visitors. This shouldn't change the experience "on the day" for members joining online, but we will need to use different joining links and a different system for visitors. From the members point of view there will be two main differences:

- We will ask members not to share their Zoom link with visitors - the link that you receive when you register will be personal to you and will allow you to vote.
- Visitors won't be able to take part in the online "breakout rooms" - these will be for members of synod only.

We will send the members' registration link with the detailed agenda three weeks before the meeting.

Questions

Don't forget that members can ask a "Question under Standing Order XB21" by sending a question to Simon Cade in writing at least seven days before the meeting. The question can be addressed to the bishop or the chair of any Synod Committee or formal group, or the Diocesan Registrar. Questions may be referred to officers or others to answer, (and the person asked can decline to answer!). If there is something that you want to know, but aren't sure how to phrase it, have a word with the Chair of the House of Laity Robert Perry or Chris McQuillen-Wright the Chair of the House of Clergy, or with Simon. You don't have to read the question out in front of everyone, but you do need to be in attendance at synod either in person or online.