



Truro Diocesan Synod - Notice Saturday 13 September 2025

A meeting of the members of Truro Diocesan Synod will be held at the Charlestown Church Hall and online via Zoom, on Saturday, 13 September 2025.

Our day will begin with the Eucharist and address from Bishop David in St Paul's Church, adjacent to the hall, starting at 9.30am.

The business of Synod will be conducted in the hall, starting at 10.30am.

To join on Zoom you will need to register first using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZUvde-srDssE9wU-SVZq-0BbSQGMFkUxXEe>

Meeting as Diocesan Synod, the business will include:

Worship

Questions under Standing Orders

Matters to be considered:

- Report on Ministry
- Report on the work of the Diocesan Board of Education
- Motion from East Wivelshire Deanery Synod, and Linkinhorne PCC regarding the use of the "Bishop's Waiver" for persons who are disqualified from serving on a PCC and other bodies.*
- Note the deanery synod membership numbers for the next triennium

And brief items, mainly by way of report:

- A report on the July Sessions of General Synod
- A report on the work of the Bishop's Diocesan Council
- The minutes of the previous meeting

By order of the Board

1 August 2025

Simon Cade

Diocesan Secretary

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*** The “Bishop’s Waiver motion”:**

The motion will seek to clarify, and express a view on, the provisions in the Church Representation Rules (CRR) known as “The Bishop’s Waiver”. CRR Rule 68 [\[LINK\]](#) disqualifies those on a safeguarding barred list and those convicted of certain offences from being nominated or elected to serve on PCCs and other church bodies. Subsection 4 of Rule 68 allows the bishop the right to waive this disqualification. The motion from East Wivelshire will seek clarification on the rule, and propose action regarding this at General Synod.

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.

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 acting Chair of the House of Laity Mike Sturges or Douglas Wren 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.

Travel and parking

You are entitled to claim for travel costs at 45p a mile plus parking for attending Diocesan Synod. You can use the claim form provided and send it, with any parking receipts, to kate.cortez@truro.anglican.org along with your bank details for payment.

You can also claim other reasonable expenses to allow you to attend. For instance, if your ecclesiastical office requires you to live on an archipelago 32 miles west of Sennen Cove you may also need to claim for flights and accommodation. Parents or carers can also claim reasonable expenses for childcare etc (even if you don’t live on an archipelago).