

**for a meeting of Truro Diocesan Synod
on Saturday 13 September at 9.30am**



By Order of the Board, I am pleased to provide the Agenda and other papers for the above Diocesan Synod. Part of the meeting will constitute the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

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. Refreshments will be provided between worship and the start of business.

The meeting will close no later than 3.30pm - we expect to finish well before that.

If joining remotely please register in advance for the Zoom link by clicking on this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvde-srDssE9wU-SVZq-0BbSQGMfKuxXEe>

Any problems with this, please contact kate.cortez@trurodiocese.org.uk

The whole day should be available to those joining remotely, including the opening worship, but we will not have the facility to hear from or see those on zoom while we are in church, hence the formal business of Synod will not begin until we are in the adjacent hall and everyone is able to participate fully.

As usual, we expect to issue a detailed agenda with timings in the days immediately prior to Synod, timings below are indicative and may be subject to change.

If you are unable to attend, please send apologies to april.bullard@trurodiocese.org.uk, as this reduces the wastage of pasties.

A (*) by an agenda item indicates a paper has been provided.

The agenda follows on the next page.

AGENDA

		Item
1	9.30am	Opening Worship with Eucharist at St Paul's Church, Charlestown Incorporating the Bishop's Address
Meeting as members of Truro Diocesan Synod, St Paul's Church Hall, Charlestown		
2		<i>Move to the hall next door and tea and coffee provided</i>
3	10.30am	Welcome, housekeeping
4		Introduction to newly elected Chair of the House of Laity
5		Small group discussion following Bishop's Address
6		Dioceses Commission proposal for the See of St Germans
7		Report on Ministry*
8	12.30pm	Lunch with a pasty provided Starting with midday prayers with the Mothers' Union
9	1.05pm	Report from the Diocesan Board of Education
10		Bishop's Waiver motion* - presented on behalf of East Wivelshire Deanery Synod - for approval
13		Report from General Synod - for information
14		Questions under Standing Orders Members may ask up to two questions, please submit questions to Simon Cade by 9am on Saturday 6 September 2025 (or as soon as possible)
15		Reports and Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the minutes of the previous meeting of Diocesan Synod* To note the report from the Bishops Diocesan Council*
		Close no later than 3.30pm

Please note that the timings and order of business are provisional, but will be confirmed in the week prior to the meeting

Motions follow on next page.

MOTIONS

Meeting as Truro Diocesan Synod

Item 10

Mr Robin West will propose,

This Synod:

1. Notes:
 - the provisions of Church Representation Rule 68 (1) and (2) that disqualify those on a safeguarding barred list, or who have been convicted of certain offences, from serving as members of PCCs and other church bodies;
 - the provisions under Rule 68 (4) that allow the diocesan bishop to waive disqualification for offences against Children/Young Persons under rule 68(2) ;
 - the provisions of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 clauses 2(1A) and 2(2)(a) that disqualify those on a safeguarding barred list, or who have been convicted of certain offences, from serving as churchwardens; and
 - the provisions under clause 2(3A) of the measure that allow the diocesan bishop to waive disqualification for offences against Children/Young Persons under clause 2(2)(a).
2. Asks General Synod members elected from this diocese to raise the question at General Synod of whether there should be an immediate bar on further use of the waivers by any Bishop.
3. Calls for the urgent repeal of Rules 68 (4-8) of the Church Representation Rules, and also clauses 2(3A-3D) of the Churchwardens Measure 2001, and to revoke all previously issued waivers.

Item 15

The Chair will propose;

“that Synod note:

- the minutes of the meeting of Diocesan Synod on 21 June 2025
- the report from the Bishops Diocesan Council

Enclosures

- Item 07 - TDS25(32) Ministry team update
- Item 10 - TDS25(31) Bishop’s Waiver motion
- Item 15 - TDS25(28) Minutes of the meeting of Diocesan Synod on 21 June 2025
- Item 15 - TDS25(33) Report from the BDC to Diocesan Synod

Notes for those attending on Zoom

Please note that only members of Diocesan Synod can vote. To vote you will need to have your screen on and for your raised hand to be visible.

Please ensure that you have your name (or names) correctly on the Zoom window. Please ask if you don't know how to do this.

The chat function is in use for Kate, the Zoom host, to share messages and instructions with you, and for you to ask her questions. We retain the right to delete inappropriate messages.

Guests are welcome to join on Zoom as observers but cannot vote and cannot join break out groups.

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 Roger Smith or the new 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.

Dates of future meetings of Diocesan Synod

22 November 2025 Truro Cathedral Chapter House and on Zoom

Note on expenses and accessibility

Remember that all members of Diocesan Synod can claim reasonable expenses to enable them to participate in the meetings. You are entitled to claim costs of reasonable adjustments to enable you to fully participate including travel; and other items such as childcare (your own arrangements).

Also, please let us know if you require any support such as access or hearing loop. We are committed to removing barriers to participation so that all those that wish to participate in Diocesan Synod are able to do so.

If you would like to receive any of the meeting documents in paper form or the expenses form please contact kate.cortez@trurodiocese.org.uk