

Truro Diocesan Synod - Agenda Saturday 22nd November 2025



Dear Members of Diocesan Synod,

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

A meeting of the members of Truro Diocesan Synod and Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd will be held at the **Chapter House at Truro Cathedral, on Saturday 22 November 2025**, commencing at **9.15am** with refreshments available from 10.00am.

A pasty lunch and suitable refreshments will be provided for those in attendance, the meeting will close not later than 3.30pm.

Please note, this meeting is hybrid. It is in person and also on Zoom:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcuyppj0tGd2w0mUT7Rs_YyQoV9z4vZ5p

There is not parking provided for this meeting. Please see email with this agenda for parking suggestions. You can reclaim parking and travel costs to attend Synod.

If you need a parking space due to limited mobility we can arrange this. Please contact april.bullard@trurodiocese.org.uk.

As usual, we expect to issue a detailed agenda with timings in the days immediately prior to Synod.

The agenda follows on the next page.

AGENDA

		Item
Meeting as Members of Truro Diocesan Synod		
1	9.15am	Holy Communion in the Cathedral (St Mary's Aisle)
2	10.10am	Welcome, housekeeping
3	10.15am	Bishop's Address by Bishop Hugh
4		Small groups
5		Link with Palestine (We are hoping to hear from partners in the Holy Land but we need to remain flexible in response to local circumstances)
6	11.10am	Break
7		Update on the Environment strategy - Cut Carbon, Cherish Creation and Speak Up
8		Safeguarding in the Diocese of Truro (note Section 2 of the BDC report to Diocesan Synod)
9	12.40pm	Lunch with a pasty provided
Meeting as Members of Truro Diocesan Synod		
10	1.10pm	Update on Growing Younger - work with children, young people and families (please see Section 1.3 of the BDC report to Synod)
Meeting as Members of Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd		
11	1.25pm	Presentation of the 2026 Diocesan Board of Finance Budget - to approve To include a motion as described following this agenda.
Meeting as Members of Truro Diocesan Synod		
12		Questions under Standing Order XB21 , see the note below
13		Consideration of the number of lay members to be elected to Deanery Synods in 2026 - to approve To include a motion as described following this agenda.
14		Reports and Minutes - to note - Minutes of the previous meeting of Diocesan Synod - Report from the Bishops Diocesan Council
15		Prayer and blessing
		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

Meeting as Truro Diocesan Synod

13 The Chair will propose;

“that Synod approve:
the number of lay members to be elected to Deanery Synods in 2026

14 The Chair will propose;

“that Synod note:
- the minutes of the meeting of Diocesan Synod on 18 May 2024
- the report from the Bishops Diocesan Council

Meeting as the Members of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Limited Motion:

10. The Chair of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, will propose:

“That the budget be approved.”

As members of the Company for the General Meeting of the company, (item 9 above) members may appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf, details for this are below.

Enclosures

- TDS253(0) Diocesan Synod Minutes 13 Sept 2025
- TDS254(7.1) Updated Environment Strategy
- TDS254(7.2) FAQs on net zero works to parsonages
- TDS254(11.1 - 11.10) Budget Papers 2026
- TDS254(13.1) Number of lay members to be elected to Deanery Synods in 2026
- TDS254(13.2) Calculations for lay membership of Deanery Synods in 2026
- TDS254(14) Report from the BDC to Diocesan Synod
- TDS254 Proxy Voting Form
- TDS254 Map and Parking Information

Dates of future meetings of Diocesan Synod

You are hopefully already aware that there will be three meetings of Diocesan Synod in 2026. These are the dates:

28 February - St Erme Community Centre and on Zoom

30 May - TBC

28 November - TBC

SPECIAL NOTES

Questions under Standing Orders

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 appointed by synod, or the Diocesan Registrar or other officers of synod. 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 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 when it is a hybrid meeting).

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@trurodiocese.org.uk 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).

If there is anything we can do to assist you including alternative formats and other accessibility provision, please contact kate.cortez@trurodiocese.org.uk or 01872 360023.

Appointing a proxy for the meeting of the company - the budget item

1 Appointment of proxies

- 1.1 If you are a member who is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, you are entitled to appoint one or more proxies to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at the meeting and you should have received a proxy form with this notice of meeting. A proxy does not need to be a member of the Company but must attend the meeting to represent you. You can only appoint a proxy using the procedures set out in these notes and the notes to the proxy form.
- 1.2 If you do not give your proxy an indication of how to vote on any resolution, your proxy will vote or abstain from voting at their discretion. Your proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the Meeting.

2 Appointment of proxy by post

- 2.1 The notes to the proxy form explain how to direct your proxy how to vote on the resolution.
- 2.2 To appoint a proxy using the proxy form, the form must be:
 - 2.2.1 completed and signed;
 - 2.2.2 sent or delivered to the Company at Church House, Old Cathedral School, Cathedral Close, Truro, TR1 2FQ; and
 - 2.2.3 received by the Company no later than 9am on 20 November 2025, being 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.
- 2.3 Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the proxy form.

3 Appointment of proxies electronically

- 3.1 As an alternative to completing the hard-copy proxy form, you can appoint a proxy electronically by providing confirmation of the details in the form by email to simon.cade@trurodiocese.org.uk. For an electronic proxy appointment to be valid, your appointment must be received by the Company no later than 9am on 20 November 2025, being 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.

4 Changing proxy instructions

4.1 Members may change proxy instructions by submitting a new proxy appointment using the methods set out above. Note that the cut-off time for receipt of proxy appointments also apply in relation to amended instructions; any amended proxy appointment received after the relevant cut-off time will be disregarded.

4.2 Where you have appointed a proxy using the hard-copy proxy form and would like to change the instructions using another hard-copy proxy form, please contact Simon Cade.

4.3 If you submit more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment received last before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.

5 Termination of proxy appointment

5.1 A member may change a proxy instruction but to do so you will need to inform the Company in writing by either:

5.1.1 Sending a signed hard-copy notice clearly stating your intention to revoke your proxy appointment to the Company. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the revocation notice is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the revocation notice.

5.1.2 Sending an email to simon.cade@truro.anglican.org providing confirmation of the details in the form in the body of the email.

5.2 In either case, the revocation notice must be received by the Company no later than 9am on 20 November 2025, being 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.

5.3 If you attempt to revoke your proxy appointment but the revocation is received after the time specified, your original proxy appointment will remain valid unless you attend the meeting and vote in person.

5.4 Appointment of a proxy does not preclude you from attending the meeting and voting in person. If you have appointed a proxy and attend the Meeting in person, your proxy appointment will automatically be terminated.