

AGENDA

for a meeting of Truro Diocesan Synod
on Saturday 30 May 2026 at 9.30am



Dear Members of Diocesan Synod,

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.

The meeting of the Truro Diocesan Synod will be held at the **Church of St Petroc's Church, Bodmin, and online via Zoom**. Please see covering email for information regarding parking in Bodmin.

The meeting will commence at 9.30am, refreshments will be available from 9am, a pasty lunch and suitable refreshments will be provided for those in attendance, the meeting will close not later than 3.30pm.

If joining remotely please register in advance for the Zoom link by clicking on this link:

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

Any problems with this, please contact kate.cortez@truro.anglican.org.

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.

You can still vote on Company matters using the Proxy Form provided.

A (*) by an agenda item indicates a paper has been provided previously, a (**) indicates papers included now.

The agenda follows on the next page.

AGENDA

		Item
Meeting as Members of Truro Diocesan Synod		
1	9.30am	Welcome, housekeeping
2	9.35am	Opening Worship
3	10.05am	Bishop's Address by Bishop David
4		Difference - Following Jesus in everyday encounters Including small group work
	11.15am	Break
6	11.25am	Welcoming James Treasure - Bishop of St Germans
7		Report on the work of the Diocesan Board of Education
8	12.30pm	Lunch with a pasty provided Starting with midday prayers with the Mothers' Union
Meeting as Members of Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd		
9	1pm	The Annual General Meeting of the Company Presentation of the Strategic Report, the auditor's report, and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 st December 2024
10		Members will be invited to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive the Annual Report* • Re-appoint Francis Clark LLP as the company auditors • Re-appoint VWV LLP as the company solicitors
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Meeting as Members of Truro Diocesan Synod		
14	2.20pm	Celebration of 150 years of the Mothers' Union
15		Delegation to Bishop James Treasure*
16		Proclamation of Amending Canon No. 44*
17		Proclamation of the Act of Synod for the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 as amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025*
18	2.30pm	Questions under Standing Orders Members may ask up to two questions, please submit questions to Kate Cortez by 9am on Saturday 23 May 2026 (or as soon as possible)
19		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*
20		Prayer and blessing
	3pm	Close no later than

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 the Members of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Limited

- 10 The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd will move as follows:
“That the Members of the Company receive the Reports and Annual Statements of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd for the year ended 31st December 2025.”
- 11 The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd will move as follows:
“That Francis Clark LLP be re-appointed as auditors of the Company.”
- 12 The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd will move as follows:
“That Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP be re-appointed to serve as the solicitors of the Company.”

Meeting as Truro Diocesan Synod

- 15 The Chair will propose:
“That this Synod approve the draft Instrument of Delegation to The Right Reverend Bishop James Treasure, and thanks him for his willingness to serve in this way.”
- 16 The Chair will proclaim:
“That *I give notice that, at its February 2026 group of sessions, the General Synod resolved that Amending Canon No. 44 be made, promulgated and executed. Amending Canon No. 44 amends Canon C 8 to include provision for the exercise of ministry by Armed Forces chaplains.*”
- 17 The Chair will proclaim:
“That at the group of sessions of the General Synod held at Westminster in February 2025 the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 in the form it takes following its amendment at that group of sessions was formally affirmed and proclaimed as an Act of Synod.
An Act of Synod is the embodiment of the will or opinion of the Church of England as expressed by the whole body of the General Synod. Copies of the Instrument proclaiming and affirming the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation as an Act of Synod have been sent to members of this Synod.”
- 19 The Chair will propose;
“that Synod note:
- the minutes of the meeting of Diocesan Synod on 28 February 2026
- the report from the Bishops Diocesan Council

Enclosures

- TDS262(3) Proxy voting form
- Item 10 - TDS262(4) TDBF Annual Report and Accounts (Financial Statements)
- Item 15 - TDS262(5) Instrument of Delegation - Bishop of St Germans
- Item 16 - TDS262(6) Amending Canon 44 for proclamation
- Item 17 - TDS262(7) Act of Synod instrument
- Item 17 - TDS262(8) Vacancy in See Committees Regulation
- Item 18 - TDS261(0) Minutes of the meeting of Diocesan Synod on 28 February 2026
- Item 18 - TDS262(9) Report from the BDC to Diocesan Synod
- TDS262(10) Strategy for church buildings summary (for information)
- TDS262(11) Strategy for church buildings full (for information)

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 Kelly, 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 the 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 Kate Cortez 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 Merisa MacInnes or the Chair of the House of Clergy Douglas Wren or with Kate. 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

28 November 2026 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 april.bullared@trurodiocese.org.uk