



Diocese of Bristol

Introductory note for the Diocesan Synod, 14 November 2020

To: Diocesan Synod members

Please find enclosed the agenda and papers for the Diocesan Synod on 14 November 2020.

The Diocesan Synod meets once again at a time when our global and national situation is changing every day. Governments, organisations, families and the Church are adapting constantly in response. In that context, the Synod will receive an update on issues affecting the Church of England and the impact of COVID19.

But the Synod will also look back, and forward. Looking back to reflect on progress and what we have learnt from the 2016-20 Strategic Plan, the Resourcing churches and our response to the Climate Emergency over the last year.

And looking forward, considering financial plans for the year ahead in order that the Synod might approve the Bristol DBF's expenditure for 2021 and how, across our, we will go about discovering our vision and priorities for the future through the Transforming Church project in 2021.

The Archbishops have called us to pray and we will pray together at this Synod. Please continue to pray for the Church, our communities, nation and world as we look forward to this Synod.



Agenda, Diocesan Synod

Date: 14 November 2020
Time: 9.00 for 9.15am to 1.00pm
Venue: Zoom - Register in advance for this meeting:

	Papers	Time
Diocesan Synod		
<i>Revd Canon Raymond Adams in the Chair</i>		
1. Introductions, Procedure and Welcomes		9.15am
Opening prayers		
2. Bishop's Address		9.30am
3. National update		9.50am
4. Environment report	Y	10.00am
<i>Break</i>		10.15am
5. Resourcing Churches	Y	10.25am
6. Where are we now? 2016-20 Strategic Plan and our context	Y	10.50am
<i>Break</i>		11.35am
<i>Mr Bruce Fynamore in the Chair</i>		
7. Transforming church: discovering how to be a better church for everyone		11.45am
8. Bishop's Council & Board of Directors (9 Sep & 15 Oct 2020) report	Y	12.10pm
<i>Canon Nick Orman to move:</i>		
<i>that this report be received; and that the Synod approves</i>		
a) <i>the scheme put in place to enable clergy representation of Emmanuel Bristol BMO on deanery synods;</i>		
b) <i>the formula proposed for determining the number of clergy and lay spaces on Diocesan Synod for the triennium 2021-2024.</i>		

	Papers	Time
9. Question Time		12.15pm
10. 2021 Budget	Y	12.20pm

Canon Andrew Lucas (DBF Chairman) to move:

that this Synod authorises the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance Limited to expend in the year 2020 sums totalling £10,091,000 in respect of the items in the Budget for that year.

11. Blessing and close		12.55pm
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Date and venue of next meeting:

13 March 2021 – venue tbc

NOTES

1. BUSINESS

No business other than that specified on the Agenda shall be introduced except by the President or an urgent matter by any member who previously obtains the special sanction of the President.

2. ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be recorded by those who enter the Zoom. Apologies for absence may be sent to the Secretary via graham.shaul@bristoldioocese.org.

3. QUESTION TIME

Questions may be submitted in writing to the Secretary seven days in advance of the meeting and written answers will be provided and spoken to. Members may ask up to two original questions and may ask one supplementary question in respect of each original question. Owing to the medium, no questions will be taken if they have not been notified in advance.

Questions should relate to the duties of an officer or the business of the body concerned and should not ask for an opinion or the solution of either an abstract legal question or a hypothetical problem.

4. VISITORS

Owing to limitations on numbers, there are no visitors at this virtual diocesan Synod.

5. ACCESS TO ZOOM

If you have any concerns about being able to access the Synod via Zoom, please contact Katheryn.caithness@bristoldioocese.org