



**SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN SYNOD AND BOARD OF FINANCE**

**TO BE HELD AT ALL SAINTS WOODLANDS (DN6 7RS)**

**ON SATURDAY 8 MARCH 2025 at 9.00 am**

**NOTICE PAPER**

- 9.00 am 1. **INTRODUCTION AND NOTICES** – the Bishop of Sheffield will welcome members.
- 9.05 am 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** are shown below or can be notified to Elizabeth Lunt:
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| Neill Birchenall          | Peter Pridham               |
| The Revd Dr Claire Dawson | The Revd Marie Raffay       |
| The Revd David Hopkin     | Ruth Pridham                |
| Roger Hoyle               | Susan Rivett                |
| The Ven Javaid Iqbal      | The Revd Ben Tanner         |
| The Revd Cliff Kay        | The Revd Alistair Stevenson |
| The Revd Kirsty Massey    | The Revd Michael Towle      |
| The Revd Ali Middleton    | Canon Ian Walker            |
| Willard Moore             | Sue Williams                |
| Julia Newton              |                             |
- 9.05 am 3.\* **THE MINUTES** of the Synod's meeting held on Saturday 30 November 2024 at St Paul's Norton Lees (Paper 3.1, circulated with the Agenda) are to be confirmed and signed.
- Matters arising – there are no matters arising
- 9.10 am 4. **GENERAL SYNOD REPORT** – The Reverend Canon Rick Stordy and Dr Cathy Rhodes will present the report of the February Group of Sessions, with particular focus on the debate and outcome relating to safeguarding independence.
- 9.25 am 5. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS** – Bishop Pete will address Synod.
- 9.45 am 6. **RECENT SAFEGUARDING FAILURES** – an opportunity to reflect and react to events of the past four months.
- 10.15 am 7. **LAMENT IN WORSHIP** – to be led by the Dean of Sheffield

- 10.30 am 8.\* **DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING REPORT** – the Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham will present the report, Paper 8.1 (circulated with the Agenda).
- 10.40 am 9. **RACIAL JUSTICE UPDATE** – led by the Reverend Anesia Cook, Racial Justice Officer.
- 10.55 am 10.\* **BISHOP’S COUNCIL’S REPORT** – A Report on the proceedings of the Bishop’s Council since the last Synod meeting is to be presented by Harry Steele and Peter Rainford (Paper 10.1, circulated with the Agenda). There will be an opportunity for questions arising out of the Report.
- 11.00 am **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.30 am 11. **A WINDOW ON ADWICK LE STREET DEANERY** – The Reverend David Berry will provide information about the Community Hub, home to CMA Bentley, Beacon Café and School Wardrobe
- 11.40 am 12.\* **FINANCE UPDATE** – Tony Gardiner, Finance Director, will present an update on 2024 year end and 2025 year to date (Paper 12.1, circulated with the Agenda).
- 11.55 am 13. **UPDATE ON MUTUAL FLOURISHING** – Bishop Pete will update Synod.
- 12.05 pm 14. **SYNOD QUESTIONS** – Questions received, together with written responses, are included in Appendix 1.
- 12.15 pm 15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 12.20 pm 16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The date of the next meeting is Saturday 19 July 2025 at Christ Church Pitsmoor.
- 12.20 pm 17. **CONCLUSION** - The meeting will conclude with prayers led by the Reverend Robert Heaton.