



SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN SYNOD AND BOARD OF FINANCE

TO BE HELD AT
CHRIST CHURCH PITSMOOR, PITSMOOR ROAD, SHEFFIELD S3 9AW

ON SATURDAY 19 JULY 2025 at 9.00 am

NOTICE PAPER

9.00 am 1. **INTRODUCTION AND NOTICES**

The Bishop of Sheffield will welcome members. The meeting will begin with an act of worship led by the Reverend Huw Thomas.

Proclamation of the Act of Synod affirming the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 in the form it takes following its amendment at February 2025 Group of Sessions.

9.25 am 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** are shown below or can be notified to Elizabeth Lunt:

David Armstrong	The Revd Richard Heard
The Revd Julie Bacon	The Revd Amy Hole
The Revd Dave Berry	The Revd Canon Toby Hole
Neill Birchenall	The Revd Canon Andrew Howard
Patricia Bradey	Paul Houghton
The Revd Rob Bridgewater	Richard Lillford
Jo Brook	Willard Moore
The Revd Dan Brown	The Revd Andy Poultney
The Revd Tom A Brown	The Revd Stephen Rae
Anna De Castro	The Revd Canon Eleanor Robertshaw
Stephanie Darbyshire	The Revd Harry Steele
The Revd Jonny Dyer	Canon Ian Walker
The Revd Miranda Hayes	Sue Watts

9.25 am 3.* **THE MINUTES** of the Synod's meeting held on Saturday 8 March 2025 at All Saints Woodlands (Paper 3.1, circulated with the agenda) are to be confirmed.

Matters arising

In addition to the response from the DAC Secretary to Question 1 at the last Diocesan Synod meeting, the Diocesan Registrar has provided

some additional information which is circulated as Paper 3.2.

- 9.30 am 4*. **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 Dr Jackie Butcher and Canon Peter Rainford (Paper 4.1, circulated with the agenda). There will be an opportunity for questions arising out of the Report.

MEETING AS THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE – Miss Julia Newton will take the Chair, in place of Canon Ian Walker

- 9.35 am 5.* **2024 DBF ACCOUNTS** – A copy of the Finance Report and Annual Report and Accounts were circulated with the agenda as Papers 5.1 and 5.2. Mr Tony Gardiner, Director of Finance will provide a finance update.

Miss Julia Newton, on behalf of the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, will move:

“THAT the Accounts of the Diocesan Board of Finance for the twelve months ended 31 December 2024 be taken note of and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon be received.”

- 9.55 am 6. **APPOINTMENT OF 2025 AUDITORS** – On behalf of the Finance Committee, Miss Julia Newton will move:

“THAT Saffery Champness Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, be appointed Auditors to the Diocesan Board of Finance for the year ending 31 December 2025 and that the Directors be authorised to fix their remuneration for the Audit of the 2025

MEETING AS THE DIOCESAN SYNOD – Dr Jackie Butcher to take the Chair

- 10.00 am 7. **SMMIB BID UPDATE AND COMMUNICATIONS** – the item will be led by LJ Buxton and Alex Shilkoff (Paper 7.1, enclosed)

- 10.20 am 8. **A WINDOW ON ECCLESFIELD DEANERY** from the Reverend Will Gowers and Mr John Marsden

- 10.30 am **COFFEE BREAK AND MISSION AREA SUPPORT TEAM (MAST) CAROUSEL**

- 11.15 am 9. **DIOCESAN OVERSEAS LINKS** – a report from the Reverend Mark Brown on his visit to Argentina.

- 11.35 am 10.* **SAFEGUARDING REPORT** – update from the Reverend Harry Steele (Paper 10.1, circulated with the agenda)

- 11.45 am 11. **GENERAL SYNOD REPORT** – Dr Jane Patterson will provide a report of the July General Synod Group of Sessions.

- 11.55 am 12. **SYNOD QUESTIONS** – Questions received, together with written responses will be shown on the Notice Paper.
- 12.05 pm 13. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS** – Bishop Pete will address Synod
- 12.25 pm 14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 12.30pm 15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be held on 22 November 2025. If you have a venue available please speak to Elizabeth Lunt.
- 12.35 pm 16. **CONCLUSION** - The meeting will conclude with worship led by the Reverend Pip Salmon, Priest in Charge of Christ Church Pitsmoor and Area Dean of Ecclesfield.