



SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN SYNOD AND BOARD OF FINANCE

TO BE HELD AT
TANKERSLEY HUB, PILLEY LANE, TANKERSLEY, BARNSELY, S75 3AP

ON SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025 at 9.00 am

AGENDA

- 9.00 am 1. **INTRODUCTION AND NOTICES**
- The Bishop of Sheffield will welcome members.
- Opening worship will be led by Mrs Yvette Cooper (Headteacher) and children from Tankersley St Peter's CofE School.
- The Reverend Canon Matthew Rhodes will chair the meeting.
- 9.10 am 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** will be shown on the Notice Paper and any others should be notified to the Secretary.
- 9.10 am 3.* **THE MINUTES** of the Synod's meeting held on Saturday 13 July 2024 at St Peter and St Paul, Todwick (Paper 3.1, enclosed) are to be confirmed.
- Matters arising
- 9.15 am 4. **A WINDOW ON TANKERSLEY DEANERY** – To be led by Yvette Cooper and children from Tankersley St Peter's CofE School
- 9.25 am 5*. **BISHOP'S COUNCIL'S REPORT** – A Report on the proceedings of the Bishop's Council since the last Synod meeting is to be received (Paper 5.1, enclosed). Julia Newton will present the report and there will be an opportunity for questions.
- MEETING AS MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE,
Canon Ian Walker will take the chair*
- 9.30 am 6.* **FINANCE REPORT AND 2026 BUDGET**
- i. Review of 2025 finances
- ii. SDBF 2026 Budget – Synod are invited to approve the 2026 SDBF budget (Paper 6.1, enclosed). Canon Walker will move:

“THAT Synod, sitting as the DBF, approves the Budget of the Diocesan Board of Finance for the twelve months ending 31 December 2025 as proposed by the Finance Committee and authorises the DBF to work to a deficit Budget of net (outgoing) resources, after transfers, of £1.24m.”

MEETING AS DIOCESAN SYNOD – Dr Rhodes will re-take the Chair

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| 10.00 am | 7.* | <u>DIGNITY IN MINISTRY AND AT WORK</u> – The Reverend Amanda Barraclough will present the new policy (Papers 7.1 and 7.2). |
| 10.15 am | | <u>COFFEE BREAK</u> |
| 10.45 am | 8. | <u>DEANERY SYNOD ELECTIONS 2026</u>

Synod is asked to agree the numbers to be elected to Deanery Synods for the 2026-2028 three year term as set out in Paper 8.1 |
| 10.50 am | 9.* | <u>SAFEGUARDING REPORT</u> – update from the Reverend Canon Harry Steele and Canon LJ Buxton on the safeguarding report and 2026 INEQE audit (Papers 9.1 and 9.2, enclosed) |
| 11.10 am | 10. | <u>LIGHTS FOR CHRIST</u> – Update from Hannah Sandoval, Lights for Christ Enabler |
| 11.30 am | 11. | <u>SYNOD QUESTIONS</u> – Questions received will be shown on the Notice Paper, together with written responses. |
| 11.40 am | 12. | <u>PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS</u> – Bishop Pete will address Synod |
| 12.00 noon | 13. | <u>CENTENARY PROJECT AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS</u> – led by Sarah Beardsmore, CP Manager (Paper 13.1, Evaluation Report, enclosed) |
| 12.20 pm | 14. | <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u> |
| 12.25 pm | 15. | <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> – The meetings in 2026 will be:

7 March
18 July
21 November

If you have a venue available for any of these dates please speak to Elizabeth Lunt. |
| 12.25 pm | 16. | <u>CONCLUSION</u> - The meeting will conclude with worship led by the Centenary Project. |