



SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN SYNOD AND BOARD OF FINANCE

TO BE HELD AT
ST PETER'S BENTLEY, High Street, Bentley, Doncaster DN5 0AA

ON SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2026 at 9.00 am

AGENDA

- 9.00 am 1. **INTRODUCTION AND NOTICES**
- The Bishop of Sheffield will welcome members.
- The meeting will begin with opening worship led by the Reverend Dave Berry, Vicar of Bentley St Peter.
- 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 22 November 2025 at Tankersley Hub (Paper 3.1, enclosed) are to be confirmed.
- Matters arising
- 9.15 am 4. **VISION FOR DONCASTER CITY CENTRE** – to be presented by the Reverend Stephen Edmonds (Associate Archdeacon) and the Reverend Canon Adam Priestley (Senior Minister of St Vincent's Mission Doncaster)
- 9.30 am 5. **HOW TO NAVIGATE SYNOD** – an item led by the Bishop of Doncaster
- 10.00 am 6. **FINANCE UPDATE** – provided by Tony Gardiner, Finance Director
- 10.10 am 7. **SAFEGUARDING REPORT AND INEQE AUDIT UPDATE** – update from Canon LJ Buxton on the safeguarding report and INEQE audit (Paper 7.1, enclosed)
- 10.30 am 8. **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.00 am 9. **A WINDOW ON ADWICK-LE-STREET AND SNAITH AND HATFIELD DEANERIES** – presented by the Reverend Hannah Hupfield, Associate Archdeacon

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| 11.10 am | 10. | <u>NET ZERO UPDATE AND GOOD NEWS STORIES</u> – report circulated as Paper 10.1 |
| 11.40 am | 11. | <u>GENERAL SYNOD REPORT</u> – a summary of the February Group of Sessions is circulated as Paper 11.1. The Reverend Amanda Barraclough will present a brief report, followed by an opportunity for questions to the General Synod reps. |
| 11.55 am | 12*. | <u>BISHOP'S COUNCIL'S REPORT</u> – A Report on the proceedings of the Bishop's Council since the last Synod meeting is to be received (Paper 12.1, enclosed). Katie Bell, Chief Executive and Diocesan Secretary, will present the report and there will be an opportunity for questions. |
| 12.00 noon | 13. | <u>SYNOD QUESTIONS</u> – Questions received will be shown on the Notice Paper, together with written responses. |
| 12.10 pm | 14. | <u>PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS</u> – Bishop Pete will address Synod |
| 12.15 pm | 15. | <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>

1. Diocesan Conference 2026 (LJ Buxton) |
| 12.25 pm | 16. | <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> – The next meeting will be held on Saturday 18 July at St Peter's Warmsworth |
| 12.30 pm | 17. | <u>CLOSING WORSHIP INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONING OF THE ANTI-HARASSMENT ADVISERS AND LINK OFFICERS</u>

The meeting will conclude with worship led by the Archdeacon of Doncaster. |