



## AGENDA

A meeting of the DIOCESAN SYNOD will be held on  
**SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2023 at 10.00AM**

### [St Peters, Battersea](#)

*If you have any questions, queries, or clarifications prior to the meeting, which are not formal Questions for answer, please notify Charles Hudson-Beddows in advance of the meeting.*

10:00	01/23	<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING PRAYER</b>
	02/23	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT &amp; NOTICES</b>
10.10	03/23	<b>PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS</b>
10.30	04/23	<b>ANGLICAN COMMUNION</b> Presentation by the Revd Dylan Turner
11.10	05/23	<b>GENERAL SYNOD UPDATE</b> Presentation by Paul Waddle (General Synod Member - Croydon Central Deanery)
11.25	<b>Break</b>	
11.40	06/23	<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; CARBON NET ZERO UPDATE</b> Presentation and update on the environment & Carbon Net Zero
11.55	07/23*	<b>CARBON NET ZERO ACTION PLAN</b> The Archdeacon of Reigate to move that:  “This Synod  Acknowledges the climate crisis and, in keeping with our responsibility to safeguard the integrity of creation (Fifth Mark of Mission);  a) recognises the need to reduce carbon emissions and endorses the initial direction of the Diocesan Carbon Net Zero Action plan which follows the Routemap set out by the National Environment Team and is in line with the Diocesan Environment Policy and Synodically agreed annual objectives for 2023; and b) requests the Diocesan Secretary to create a designated fund to further enable the success of the Carbon Net Zero Action Plan.”

12.10		<p><b>THIS TIME TOMORROW &amp; EUCHARIST</b></p> <p>The Revd Derek Chandler will be commissioned as Croydon Area Retirement Officer and the Ven Moira Astin will be commissioned as Faith in the Countryside Officer.</p>
13.00		<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
13.45	08/23*	<p><b>BATTERSEA DEANERY SYNOD MOTIONS ON ETHICAL INVESTMENT</b></p> <p>This item will form part of a <u>multi-session</u> debate that will be formally moved at this Synod and then adjourned for further debate and conclusion following receipt of the Report of the National Church’s review of its own ethical investment policy in the summer.</p> <p>It will be a substantive opportunity to review and debate the motion with contributions from other deaneries who have proposed motions and, the Chair of the Investment Committee.</p> <p>The Revd Richard Taylor (Battersea Deanery) to move that:</p> <p><b><i>“Ethical Investment</i></b></p> <p><i>Reflecting our identity, values, and sense of mission as God’s people, this Synod asks:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. that the investment committee of the diocese only to hold investment funds that apply comprehensive ethical criteria. This would be in keeping with the spirit of the EIAG policies, which recommends that the National Investing Bodies “should ensure that no more than 1% of their portfolio is invested, indirectly, in assets that are or would be inadmissible for direct investment for ethical reasons and that preferably exposure should be some way below this hard limit.”</i></li> <li><i>2. and that the divestment from funds that do not have comprehensive ethical criteria should be completed by December 2024.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>And</i></p> <p><b><i>Divestment from Fossil Fuels</i></b></p> <p><i>Reflecting our commitment to safeguarding the integrity of creation, this Synod asks that the diocese:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. divest by 31 December 2024 from those fossil fuel companies in which it holds direct investments, and move promptly towards climate-positive investments;</i></li> <li><i>2. divest from those investment funds that hold, or are likely to hold, on its behalf investments in fossil fuel companies and if so, divest from the same by 31 December 2024, and move promptly towards climate-positive investments;</i></li> <li><i>3. refrain from investments in fossil fuels going forward.”</i></li> </ol>

		Amendments can be received for this item, but they will be held until the continuation of the debate resumes (at which further amendments can also be submitted.)
14.30	11/21	<b>FORMAL QUESTIONS</b>
14.40		<b>DEPART</b>

Please note:

1. Questions on Reports or the work of the Synod will be answered at the Synod, provided that they are submitted in writing to the Diocesan Secretary at least seven days prior to the Synod. **Before sending in questions, please refer to the Standing Orders (paragraphs 61 - 64).**
2. Members are requested to take notes and report back to the deaneries they represent.
3. It is helpful if amendments to motions are submitted in writing and received by the Secretary seven days prior to the debate.
4. Only members called upon by the Chair may address the Synod. Members are encouraged to keep their contributions short. The Chair may announce a time limit on speeches at any time.
5. If a member of Synod wishes to speak in debate, then a note to the Secretary in advance will alert the Chair to the member's wish. It may not be possible to call every speaker, but if a number of such notes are received the Chair can limit the length of contributions to ensure that a wide range of opinions are heard in debate.
6. In order to enable Synod to function effectively, at certain times in proceedings, it will be appropriate for the Diocesan Secretary and other Diocesan officers to address Synod (by invitation of the President and permission of the Chair) but without the right to move any motion or amendment or to vote. Contributions from the Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan officers may include formal presentations and points of clarity and factual accuracy.