



AGENDA

A meeting of the DIOCESAN SYNOD will be held on
WEDNESDAY 12 JULY 2023 at 6.00PM

[St Peter's 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.



		REFRESHMENTS & SANDWICHES
6.00pm	12/23	WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER
	13/23	ANNOUNCEMENT & NOTICES
	14/23	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
6.15pm	15/23	MIDYEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE AND 3 YEAR FORWARD VIEW Presentation by the Diocesan Secretary and Mark Rhodes, Director of Finance.
6.25pm	16/23*	ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022, AND AUDIT OUTCOMES Sir David Beamish (Chair of the DBF) to move that: “this Synod receives the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022 for the South London Church Fund and Southwark Diocesan Board of Finance.”

6.45	08/23	<p>BATTERSEA DEANERY SYNOD MOTIONS ON ETHICAL INVESTMENT</p> <p>Continuation of the <u>multi-session</u> debate which was moved at the March 2023 Diocesan Synod and adjourned for further debate and conclusion following receipt of the Report of the National Church’s review of its own ethical investment policy.</p> <p>The Revd Richard Taylor (Battersea Deanery) moved that:</p> <p><i>“Ethical Investment</i></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"> <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> <i>2. and that the divestment from funds that do not have comprehensive ethical criteria should be completed by December 2024.</i> <p><i>And</i></p> <p><i>Divestment from Fossil Fuels</i></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"> <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> <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> <i>3. refrain from investments in fossil fuels going forward.”</i> <p>Two papers have been circulated. The first (A) is the paper from Battersea Deanery. The second (B) is a factual paper from the Diocese. In addition, there will be an updated discussion paper circulated for information after the Diocesan Investment Committee meets on 4 July to discuss the Report of the National Church’s review of its own ethical investment policy.</p>
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7.15	17/23*	SOUTHWARK VISION AND DIOCESAN INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2023-2035 Presentation by the Diocesan Secretary, Archdeacon Jonathan Sedgwick, and the Revd Canon Jeremy Clark-King. A briefing paper will be circulated for information.
7.45	18/23	GENERAL SYNOD PRESENTATION Presentation by the Revd Sandra Schloss
7.55	19/23	FORMAL QUESTIONS
8.05pm		COMPLINE & THIS TIME TOMORROW
		FAREWELL FOR THE DIOCESAN SECRETARY Including fizz and nibbles

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.