



INAUGURAL DIOCESAN SYNOD AGENDA (Revised)

A meeting of the DIOCESAN SYNOD will be held on
SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER at 10am.

[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.

Items with an * will include a paper, a ∞ are recurring items, and ‡ will be seated on the day.		
Time	Item	Topic
Bishop Rosemarie in the Chair		
10.00	26/24∞	WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Led by Adrian Greenwood, Lay Chaplain and Mentor to Diocesan Synod. You will be introduced to some seasoned members of Synod whom you will be able to speak to in the breaks, as well as any members of staff, to help and guide you through Synod.
	27/24∞	ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES
	28/24∞	PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Led by the Bishop of Kingston
10.20	29/24	SOUTHWARK VISION & DIP A brief update and presentation on Southwark Vision 2024-2035 and the Diocesan Investment Programme.
10.35	30/24*	ANNUAL OBJECTIVES Presentation by the Diocesan Secretary and Deputy Diocesan Secretary, which includes a review of the 2024 Objectives, and moved by the Bishop of Croydon that: "THIS SYNOD endorses the Annual Objectives for 2025 as recommended by the Diocesan Council of Trustees."
10.55	31/24*	BUDGET APPROVAL & FINANCE UPDATE INCLUDING THREE YEAR FORWARD VIEW Presentation by the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance with the Diocesan Secretary and the Director of Finance. This item will also include an update on fossil fuel divestment. The Chair of the DBF to move that the consolidated budget for 2025 now be considered and that: "THIS SYNOD approves the total budget expenditure of £30,066,468 which is based on total 2025 budgeted income of £29,818,129"
11.15	Break	

The Revd Capt Nicholas Lebey in the Chair		
11.35	32/24*	<p>RENEWED DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT POLICY 2024-2027 Presentation by the Bishop of Kingston and Head of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, and moved by the Bishop of Kingston that:</p> <p>“THIS SYNOD endorses the renewed Diocesan Environment Policy 2024-2027. as recommended by the Diocesan Council of Trustees.”</p>
11.55	33/24*	<p>TOWARDS NET ZERO Presentation by the Net Zero Programme Manager, and moved by the Bishop of Kingston that:</p> <p>“THIS SYNOD endorses the updated action plan towards Net Zero as recommended by the Diocesan Council of Trustees.”</p>
Rebecca Chapman in the Chair		
12.25	34/24‡	<p>PROPERTY STRATEGY Presentation by the Bishop’s Lead for Strategic Development (including Property Strategy)</p>
12.55	35/24A&B*	<p>ELECTIONS AND CO-OPTIONS (House of Laity only) A formal item to appoint members to and from various committees. Full details will be shown on a notice paper.</p>
13.05	<p>Eucharist, Lent Fund presentations, and This Time Tomorrow Followed by lunch in the church hall.</p>	
Bishop Alastair in the Chair		
14.10	36/24	<p>DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION Presentation by the Chief Executive of the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education.</p>
14.50	37/24∞	<p>FORMAL QUESTIONS</p>
15.00	<p>End Followed by a meeting of the Houses</p>	
		<p>The House of Clergy and the House of Laity will meet separately to conduct hustings for the election of members of the Diocesan Council of Trustees.</p> <p>House of Laity hustings will take place in the church</p> <p>House of Clergy hustings will take place in the church hall (downstairs)</p>

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 (by noon the same day of the preceding week). **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.