The Diocese of Southwark

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DIOCESAN SYNOD

AGENDA

A meeting of the DIOCESAN SYNOD will be held on Saturday 13 December 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 have a paper and ∞ are recurring items.

Time	Item	Item Description	Action	Owner
		Rebecca Chapman in the Chair		
10.00	19/25∞	Opening Prayer and Introduction to the Synod Meeting		The Chair
	20/25∞	Announcements and Notices		Nicola Thomas
	21/25∞	Presidential Address		Bishop Christopher
	22/25*	House of Laity – Co-Options to Diocesan Synod	To approve	The Chair
	23/25*	House of Laity – Diocesan Council of Trustees Nominations	To approve	The Chair
10.50	24/25	Southwark Diocesan Board of Education	Presentation	Roz Cordner
11.20	Break			
		Bishop Christopher in the Chair		
11.40	25/25*	Annual Objectives Presentation by the Diocesan Secretary and Deputy Diocesan Secretary, which includes a review of the 2025 Objectives, and moved by the Bishop of Southwark that: "THIS SYNOD endorses the Annual Objectives for 2026 as recommended by the Diocesan Council of Trustees."	To approve	Bishop Christopher

12.00	26/25*	Budget The Vice-Chair of the DBF to move that the consolidated budget for 2026 now be considered and that: "THIS SYNOD approves the total budget expenditure of £30,058,087 which is based on total 2026 budgeted income of £30,024,730"	To approve	Sarah Docx (Vice-Chair of the DBF)
12.40	Eucharist followed by lunch			

The Revd Capt Nicholas Lebey in the Chair

14.00	27/25	Growing Churches	Presentation & Group Work	Charlie Lamont
14.40	28/25*	Wellbeing including Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination policy	Presentation	Archdeacon of Wandsworth
15.10	29/25*	Deanery Synod Election Numbers The Chair of the House of Laity to move that: "THIS SYNOD: Approves the proposed table of the number of lay representatives per parish to be elected to deanery synods at the annual parochial church meetings in 2026 as set out in Appendix A"	To Approve	Rebecca Chapman
15.20	30/25*	Synod Questions		
15.30	Close			

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 67-70).**
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.