The Diocese of Southwark

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DIOCESAN SYNOD

AGENDA

A meeting of the DIOCESAN SYNOD will be held on
Saturday 14 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 Deborah McGovern in advance of the meeting.

Items with an * will have a paper and ∞ are recurring items.

Time	Item	Item Description	Action	Presenter
		Bishop Rosemarie in the Chair		
10.00	22/26∞	Opening Prayer and Introduction to the Synod Meeting		The Chair
	23/26∞	Announcements and Notices		Nicola Thomas
10.10	24/26∞	Presidential Address		Bishop Rosemarie
10.20	25/26	Southwark Diocesan Board of Education Update	Presentation	Roz Cordner
		Rebecca Chapman in the Chair		
10.35	26/26	Annual Objectives *Presentation by the Diocesan Secretary and Deputy Diocesan Secretary, which includes a review of the 2026 Objectives, and moved by the Bishop of Southwark (Acting) that:* *"THIS SYNOD endorses the Annual Objectives for 2027 as recommended by the Diocesan Council of Trustees."*	To approve	Jackie Pontin Nicola Thomas
10.55	*Break*			

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11.15	27/26*	Budget *The Chair of the DBF to move that the consolidated budget for 2027 now be considered and that:* *"THIS SYNOD approves the total budget expenditure of £30,164,406 which is based on total 2027 budgeted income of £30,158,678"*	To approve	Sir David Beamish
11.45	28/26	Three Year Forward View/Finance Report & PSF *Update on the current income from the PSF and the updated three year forecast.*	To Note	Mark Rhodes
12.05	29/26	Area Plans and Future Finance *To note our Diocesan approach to developing Area-led plans for missional provision in the context of our Diocesan deficit.*	To Note	Nicola Thomas Andrew Dickinson
12.20	30/26	Small group discussions *This will be an opportunity for small groups to discuss the previous presentations.*		
12.45	This Time Tomorrow			
12.50	Eucharist followed by lunch			

The Revd Capt Nicholas Lebey in the Chair

14.05	31/26	Safeguarding Hubs *To note an addition to the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, as discussed by PFC and approved by DCT.*	Presentation	Stephanie Vella
14.25	32/26	Going Deeper into Liturgy	Presentation	The Revd Canon Joshua Rey
14.40	33/26*	Election to Diocesan Synod The Chair of the House of Laity to move that: *"THIS SYNOD: THIS SYNOD will take note of the Diocesan Secretary's evaluation of membership for the 2027 triennium prior to certifying, to Deanery Secretaries, their allocation of seats formally by the end of December 2026, including the revised formula of one in 450 (min two) in order to maintain the appropriate balance of the Houses of Laity and Clergy"*	To Approve	Rebecca Chapman
14.50	34/26	General Synod update *An update from General Synod July 2026.*	To note	TBC

14.55	35/26	Synod Questions
15.00	*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.