

## EXETER DIOCESAN SYNOD

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4<sup>th</sup> March 2023

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be held at  
**Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter EX5 1DJ**  
on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 10.00

Worship

### AGENDA

1. Apologies & Notices

2. To approve the minutes of meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Paper S/01/23**

10.15

3. Presidential Address

10.40

4. To approve the Diocesan Racial Justice Charter and Strategy and a consequential scheme to amend Standing Orders

**Paper S/02/23**

The Revd. Tanya Hockley-Still, the Diocesan UKME Adviser, to move the following motion:

‘This Synod approves the Diocesan Racial Justice Charter and Strategy as set out in Paper S/02/23.’

If Section 3.9 of the Racial Justice Strategy is approved, the Revd. Tanya Hockley-Still to move the following motion:

‘This Synod amends the relevant part of Standing Order 72 so that it reads as follows:

“Not less than three and not more than eight persons nominated by the President provided that:

- (i) One nomination shall be made after agreement with the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance; and
- (ii) One nomination shall be the Chair of the Church Buildings Strategy Committee if he or she is not otherwise a member of the Bishop’s Council; and
- (iii) One nomination shall be the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education Committee if he or she is not otherwise a member of the Bishop’s Council; and
- (iv) Up to three nominations can be made to ensure adequate and appropriate UK Minority Ethnic representation on the Bishop’s Council

In making the nominations the President shall bear in mind the need to secure that the number of members who are of the clergy and the number of members who are of the laity are as nearly as possible the same.”

11.10

- 5. To receive the annual report of the ‘Growing the Rural Church’ project **Paper S/03/23**  
**Late circulation**

11.25

- 6. To give consideration to the development of a Rural Strategy for ministry and mission and to agree to re-purpose the remaining diocesan funding allocated to the ‘Growing the Rural Church’ project **Paper S/04/23**

The Ven. Verena Breed, Archdeacon of Barnstaple, to move the following motion:

‘This Synod agrees to allocate £250,000 from the fund designated by the Diocesan Synod to support the work of the ‘Growing the Rural Church’ project to equip, resource and support Rural Mission and Ministry in Exeter Diocese.’

Not later than 12.15

- 7. To receive a report from General Synod **Paper S/05/23**

12.55

Lunch break

- 8. To make a declaration of climate emergency and agree to sign the Devon Climate Declaration, adopt the Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Vision Statement for 2030, adopt a target

to achieve Net Zero Carbon by 2030 and agree alignment with the national Routemap to Net Zero Carbon **Paper S/06/23**

The Ven. Nick Shutt, Archdeacon of Plymouth and Chair of the Diocesan Environment Working Group, to move the following motions:

‘This Synod

a) adopts the following statement making a declaration of a climate emergency

“As Christians, we believe that God calls us to safeguard the integrity of creation and to renew the life of the Earth and its peoples. The Diocese of Exeter recognises that the global climate emergency is not only a crisis for God’s creation but is causing fundamental injustices across the globe.

With the national Church of England, we commit ourselves to work with all available resources towards Net Zero Carbon by 2030. To this end, we will draw up and implement a feasible programme of action with a clear time frame, based on the Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030.

We will review our action plan regularly and report publicly on progress.”

b) agrees to sign the Devon Climate Declaration.’

‘This Synod adopts the following Net Zero Carbon vision statement for 2030

“By 2030, we will have measured the carbon emissions from our churches, (schools where appropriate), Theological Education Institutions, the Cathedral, clergy housing, diocesan offices and work-related travel, we will have made changes to reduce the energy consumption of our buildings, invested in some of our own renewable energy generation and we will have switched to approved green tariffs.

We will have made substantial progress towards Net Zero Carbon for those activities under our direct control, will have made arrangements to offset the remaining activities that have yet to be directly addressed and will have used our influence to encourage related organisations to act similarly.”

‘This Synod adopts the following target for the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance to reach Net Zero Carbon by 2030

“The Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance will seek to achieve a 90% reduction (against a 2010 base) by 2030 in Greenhouse Gas Protocol\* Scope 1 and Scope 2

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\* The Greenhouse Gas Protocol is the international standard for measuring emissions [Greenhouse Gas Protocol | \(ghgprotocol.org\)](https://www.ghgprotocol.org)

emissions for areas within its direct control, including in relation to clergy housing and diocesan offices, as resources allow.

The remaining 10% will be offset using offsetting schemes verified by the national Church of England.

A further target for work-related travel will be set in due course once the baseline data has been established.”

‘This Synod agrees to align as far as possible the development and implementation of policy to achieve its Net Zero Carbon target with the national Church of England ‘Routemap to Net Zero Carbon.’

14.15

9. To receive an update on developments in the life of the Cathedral

14.30

10. To receive the annual report on women in ordained ministry **Paper S/07/23**

14.45

11. Questions

15.00

### **Deemed Items**

12. To receive the annual report of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches **Paper S/08/23**

13. To receive the annual report of the Diocesan Board of Education **Paper S/09/23**

14. To receive meeting dates for Diocesan Synod and the Bishop’s Diocesan Council for 2024 **Paper S/10/23**

### **NOTES:**

- (a) If you are unable to attend, would you please send your apology to:  
email: [synod@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:synod@exeter.anglican.org)

**tel: 01392 294931**

- (b) If at any time you become aware of an actual or potential conflict of interest in any matter to be discussed or under discussion, you must declare it forthwith.
- (c) Separate guidance has been issued concerning the functioning of the meeting and the ways in which members are able to participate. Please still begin speaking by giving your name and Deanery (or other qualification for membership of the Diocesan Synod). Prior indication of a wish to speak (if desired giving notice whether for or against a motion) may be sent by e-mail to the Secretary of Diocesan Synod.
- (d) The attention of members is drawn to Standing Orders 43 and 49 which give guidance on the moving of amendments. Before an amendment is moved, a copy in writing and in the proper form must be sent by e-mail to the Secretary of Diocesan Synod. Members should refer to the latest edition of Diocesan Synod's Standing Orders.
- (e) Under Standing Order 69 questions may be addressed to any officer of the Synod referred to in the Standing Orders or to the Chairman of any Body constituted by the Synod or on which the Synod is represented. Please note that Questions must be addressed in the form described under Standing Order 69 and must be received in writing no later than 7 days before the meeting as per Standing Order 26.
- (f) The next meeting(s) of the Diocesan Synod will take place as follows:

<b>2023</b>	
<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 10.00 – 16.00	County Hall, Exeter