

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod will be held on
Saturday 23rd November at 10:00am at
St John's Church, St John's Terrace, Percy Main, North Shields NE29 6HS**

The Synod will begin at 10:00am and is scheduled to conclude by 1:00pm.
Registration and refreshments will be available from 9:30am

President: The Rt Revd Christine Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle
The meeting is chaired by the Chair of the House of Clergy, the Revd Catherine Pickford and
the Chair of the House of Laity Canon Carol Wolstenholme.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening worship

2. Declaration of interests

3. Minutes of previous meeting

3.1 Meeting held on 28th September 2019

(Paper DS19 20)

3.2 Matters arising

4. Pastoral Principles for living well together

The Bishop of Newcastle will lead the Synod exploring the Pastoral Principles for living well together. This session will include table discussion with each table considering one of the six Pastoral Principles. Members will receive a copy of the Pastoral Principles at the venue. These are also available via: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-02/PAG-PP-website.pdf>

not later than 11:00

5. Introduction to the proposed budget for 2020

(Paper DS19 21)

For this item the Diocesan Synod sits as the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Chair of the Board of Finance, Canon Simon Harper, will introduce the proposed budget for 2020. The introduction will be followed by an opportunity for members to ask questions of clarification.

not later than 11:30

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6. Value Setting

The Archdeacon of Northumberland and the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne will lead a short session to establish the values to be held within the budget debate.

not later than 12:

7. Proposed budget 2020

(Paper DS19 21)

As per item 6, the Diocesan Synod sits as the Diocesan Board of Finance. For this item of business members of the Synod sit as members of the Diocesan Board of Finance. The proposed budget for 2020 is set out in paper **DS19 21** and this includes the proposed allocation of parish share to the deaneries. The budget proposal is offered in light of the budget consultation which was supported by paper **DS19 10** (issued in July), paper **DS19 16** (issued in September) and the responses received during the consultation issued on 16 October.

Canon Simon Harper, the Chair of the Board of Finance, to propose:

that the Synod, sitting as the Diocesan Board of Finance, resolve as follows:

(a) that the budget be approved; or

(b) that the budget be referred back to the Standing Committee

8. Close