

Newcastle Diocesan Synod

28th September 2019

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod will be held on
Saturday 28th September at 10:00am at
Newcastle Cathedral, St Nicholas Square, NE1 1PF**

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.

Papers to support the meeting are available at www.newcastle.anglican.org/synod or by
request from Church House, telephone 0191 270 4100

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening worship

2. Declaration of interests

3. Minutes of previous meeting

- 3.1 Meeting held on 11th May 2019 (Paper DS19 14)
3.2 Matters arising

4. Notices

5. Questions

Questions submitted by members in advance of the meeting will be taken here.

6. Presidential Address

The Bishop of Newcastle will give a Presidential Address to the Synod.

7. Environment (Paper DS19 15)

The Bishop's Advisor on the Environment, the Revd Mark Nash-Williams, will make a presentation to the Synod. This item of business will offer an opportunity for the Synod to engage with the importance of environmental issues and to agree a Diocesan Environmental Policy.

8. General Synod Items

8.1 Promulgation of Amending Canon No. 39 (Paper DS19 17)

Amending Canon No. 39 was enacted at the July group of sessions and the Amending Canon should be proclaimed at a meeting of the Diocesan Synod following the enactment. Amending Canon No. 39 amends Canon C 5 (Of the titles of such as are to be ordained deacons or priests).

8.2 General Synod Report

To receive a report about the General Synod July 2019 group of sessions.

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The Synod will break for refreshments

9. Financial Business

(Paper DS19 16)

The Chair of the Board of Finance, Canon Simon Harper, will lead this substantive item of business. For this item members of the Synod sit as members of the Diocesan Board of Finance and will need the budget discussion paper **DS19 16**. The Synod is not being asked to agree a budget. The aim of this item of business is for the Synod to reach a consensus on a budget that the Synod is minded to agree when it convenes in November 2019.

The proposal is for the consensus the Synod reaches to be communicated to all Parochial Church Councils (PCCs). PCCs (or their Standing Committees) will be asked to give a formal response. The responses will help to shape the budget proposal that is then offered to the Synod in November for approval.

The Chair of the Board of Finance will begin the item with a presentation followed by an opportunity for members to ask questions of clarification. The budget consultation will then be opened for debate. Canon Harper will respond to the debate before moving a proposal which draws together a consensus to be communicated to all Parochial Church Councils.

10. Closing Prayer and Dismissal

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Future meetings of the Diocesan Synod in 2019

Saturday 23 November (10:00 to 13:00) Diocesan Synod

Future meetings of the Diocesan Synod in 2020

Saturday 21 March 2020 (10:00-13:00)

Saturday 16 May 2020 (10:00-13:00)

Monday 20 July 2020 (18:00-21:00)

Saturday 26 September 2020 (10:00-13:00)

Saturday 28 November 2020 (10:00-13:00)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BY THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE

Ecumenical Observers

By invitation of the President, observers representing the Methodist, Roman Catholic and United Reformed Churches and the Salvation Army can attend the meetings of the Synod. They also have the permission of the Chairman to address the Synod, but they have no right to move any motion or amendment or to vote.

Standing Orders

The current Standing Orders are available to members on request.

In view of the infrequency with which reference is made to Standing Orders, the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee has advised the Chairman of the Synod that it would be appropriate for the proceedings of the Synod to be interrupted and for the Orders to be checked before a ruling is given.

Members' attention is drawn to the fact that the lectern is provided for the benefit of speakers named on the agenda. Members of the Synod who are called to speak during a debate are asked to do so from the microphones in the body of the meeting.

Length of Speeches

The Chair has authority to limit the duration of speeches at their discretion. Following the advice of the Bishop's Council and Standing Committee, the Chair will normally allow an opening speaker 15 minutes and will limit other speeches to 10 minutes.

The time limit for a proposer to respond to a debate is ten minutes. The Standing Committee's advice is that there is no procedural need, nor one of etiquette, to respond to all speakers or points.

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Synod Papers

The explanatory papers circulated with Synod agenda are primarily designed to give members the factual background to motions. Argument of the case is the responsibility of the proposer at the meeting itself.

It is the Synod's policy also to offer to members who wish to submit motions and amendments arising from the agenda the facility of circulating explanatory papers. In response to a request that this arrangement be clarified, the Standing Committee has determined that:

- (i) It is expected that such papers will also be designed primarily to set out the factual background rather than the argument.
- (ii) It is expected that they will have been prepared by member(s) concerned, rather than be publications prepared by other individuals or organisations.
- (iii) Sets of addressed envelopes can be made available to Synod members who wish to circulate papers which do not fall into either of these categories.

Motions and Amendments

The formal notice which is issued to members (and to Area Deans, Deanery Lay Chairs and Secretaries of Deanery Synods) six weeks before each meeting invites them to submit new business for the agenda. Under Standing Orders (no.26) this should be sent in writing to the Secretary and must reach the Secretary not later than 35 days before the meeting is held. Members may submit motions and amendments arising from the agenda before the meeting and, on important matters of policy, arrangements can be made as outlined above for explanatory papers to be circulated so that members can study them before the debate.

A motion or amendment can only be moved during a meeting without notice if the Chair gives permission and the text must be handed to the Secretary before it is moved. Members who have in mind the possibility of proposing an amendment during the meeting are asked whenever possible to give prior notice to the Chair and to the proposer of the motion concerned.

Questions

Under Standing Orders (no.69) a question may be asked of the Secretary, the Registrar or the Chairman of any body constituted by the Synod on which it is represented. These should be sent to the Diocesan Secretary by 26th September (please e-mail s.waddle@newcastle.anglican.org).