

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod  
will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10:00am.  
at St Mary's Church, Claremont Gardens, Whitley Bay, NE26 3SF.**

President: The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle

*Registration and refreshments will be available from 9:30am.  
There will be a mid-point break for refreshments during the meeting.*

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome from the Bishop of Newcastle followed by opening prayer.**

**2. Apologies for absence**

**3. Election of Clergy and Lay Chairs**

*Under Standing Order 5 the House of Clergy and the House of Laity is each required to elect a chair. Those elected are Vice Presidents (commonly known as the Clergy Chair and the Lay Chair). It is custom for the election to take place at the first meeting of the Synod.*

*Any member wishing to stand for election must have a proposer and a seconder. A Member who wishes to stand for election should notify the Dean (for the House of Clergy) or the Chair of the DBF (for the House of Laity) before the meeting commences.*

**4. Declarations of Interest**

*Any member with a personal interest (direct or indirect) in a matter of business included within the agenda, should declare it at this point.*

**5. Meeting held on Saturday 13th July 2024**

5.1 Business transacted on Saturday 13th July 2024 ([paper DS24 21](#))

5.2 Matters arising

**6. Notices**

*Any notices for the Synod's attention will be included here.*

**7. Questions**

*Questions received from members in advance of the meeting shall be taken here.*

**8. Presidential Address**

*Bishop Helen-Ann will give a Presidential Address to the Synod.*

**9. Season of Seeking ([paper DS24 22](#))**

*The Revd Dr Richard Whaite, Director of Mission and Ministry will be invited to update Synod and formally launch the Year of Seeking.*

**10. Finance update**

*The Chair of the Board of Finance will lead this item which will include:*

- i. 2025 Budget Consultation Process Update ([paper DS24 23](#))
- ii. NDBF Finance Report to August 2024 ([paper DS24 24](#))
- iii. Progress on the £300k of savings to be made in 2024. ([paper DS24 25](#))

iv. *The Estate of the late Bishop Alec Graham.* ([paper DS24 26](#))

## **11. Standing Agenda Items**

### **10.1 Racial Justice**

### **10.2 Net Zero Action Plan Update**

### **10.3 Safeguarding**

## **REFRESHMENT BREAK** (not later than 11:45)

## **12. Deanery Planning**

*The Archdeacons will provide an update on progress since the last sitting of the Synod.*

## **13. Notification of the elections to Diocesan Boards and Committees** ([paper DS24 27](#))

*The Archdeacon of Northumberland will introduce the election process to various Diocesan Boards and Committees*

## **14. Looking ahead to the next 12 months on Synod**

## **15. Any other business**

*Any other business notified to Administration Lead, Ruth O'Hagan via [r.ohagan@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:r.ohagan@newcastle.anglican.org) ahead of the meeting will be taken here.*

## **16. Close**

*The Chair will draw the business to a close no later than 12:20 to allow members a short pause before a service of the Eucharist commences at 12:30.*

## **Meeting dates reserved for Diocesan Synod in 2024**

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at Dr Thomlinson Church of England Middle School, Rothbury NE65 7RJ  
*To include items on the proposed Budget for 2025 and Deanery Planning.*

## **Diocesan Synod Meeting dates in 2025** (*Venues to be confirmed*)

- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November