

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod
will be held on Saturday 9th November 2024 at 10:00am.
at Dr Thomlinson Church of England Middle School, Silverton Lane, Rothbury,
NE65 7RJ.**

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. 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.

4. Meeting held on Saturday 28th September 2024

4.1 Business transacted on Saturday 28th September 2024 [Paper DS24 29](#)

4.2 Matters arising

i. Update on the Elections to Diocesan Boards, Councils and Committees [Paper DS24 30](#)

The Synod to receive an update on the results of the recent elections to Diocesan Boards, Councils and Committees for the new triennium beginning January 1st 2025.

5. Notices

The Synod to receive a notice regarding the appointment of a LGBTQI+ Chaplaincy.

6. Questions

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

7. Presidential Address

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

8. Board of Finance Items

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

i. **2024 Period 9 Parish Share Report [Paper DS24 31](#)**

ii. **Management Accounts: Period 9 to 30th September 2024 [Paper DS24 32](#)**

iii. **2025 Budget [Paper DS24 33](#)**

The Synod, sitting as the members of the Diocesan Board of Finance, is invited to resolve:

a) that the budget be approved; or

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

iv. **Recruitment for a New Diocesan Secretary**

The Synod to receive an update regarding progress on the recruitment of a new Diocesan Secretary.

9. Standing Agenda Items

9.1 Racial Justice

The Synod to receive an update on Racial Justice

9.2 Net Zero Action Plan

The Synod will receive an update on the Net Zero Action Plan Capacity Building Grant

9.3 Safeguarding

i. Final Report – Diocese of Newcastle Safeguarding Research from Sunderland University [Paper DS24 34](#)

The Synod to receive the above report for information on the recommendations from findings from research project: 'How can the Newcastle Diocese Safeguarding Team better support Incumbents and Parish Safeguarding Officers in the effective implementation of Church of England safeguarding policy in practice.'

ii. Children & Youth Digital Media Guidance [Paper DS24 35](#)

The Synod to receive the above guidance written and agreed to by DSAP and the Bishop's Council for information.

iii. Safeguarding Staffing

The Synod to receive an update on safeguarding staffing.

REFRESHMENT BREAK (not later than 11:45)

10. Deanery Planning

The Archdeacons will lead this item which will include:

i. Deployment Proposal [Paper DS24 36](#)

The Synod will be asked to approve the Diocesan Deployment Plan for Stipendiary Clergy.

ii. Deanery Planning Update

The Synod to receive a progress update on the Deanery Planning Process.

iii. DMPC Annual Report [Paper DS24 37](#)

The Synod to receive the above paper approved by DMPC for information

iv. Casual and Parochial Fees Consultation

The Synod to receive a report on the Casual and Parochial Fees Consultation.

11. Any other business

Any other business notified to the Interim Diocesan Secretary ahead of the meeting will be taken here.

12. Close

The Chair will draw the business to a close no later than 13:00.

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

- **Saturday 8th March** at 10:00am
To include an item on LLF
- **Saturday 3rd May** at 10:00am
- **Saturday 22nd November** at 10:00am
Including proposed budget 2026.