

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod
will be held on Saturday 8th March 2025 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. 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 9th November 2024

4.1 Business transacted on Saturday 9th November 2024 ([Paper DS25 02](#))

4.2 Matters arising

- i. Income Generation Group
- ii. Diocesan Secretary Recruitment (*to be addressed at item 8ii*)
- iii. Net Zero Team Recruitment (*to be addressed at Item 11.2*)
- iv. Children and Youth Digital Media Guidance

5. Notices

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

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 Year End Finance Report** ([Paper DS25 03](#))
- ii. **Recruitment for a New Diocesan Secretary**

9. General Synod Report ([Paper DS25 04](#))

*General Synod members will provide a report of the February 2025 session of the General Synod.
Their report will be followed with an opportunity for questions.*

REFRESHMENT BREAK (not later than 11:30)

10. Mission and Ministry Update ([Paper DS25 05](#))

The Director of Mission and Ministry will provide an update to the Synod.

11. Standing Agenda Items

11.1 Racial Justice

The Bishop of Berwick will provide an oral update on progress since the last sitting of Synod.

11.2 Net Zero Action Plan

The Synod will receive an oral update regarding the recruitment for a diocesan Net Zero Team.

11.3 Safeguarding

i. Safeguarding Staffing

The Synod will receive an oral update on safeguarding staffing.

ii. Welcome and Introduction to New Safeguarding Director, Sharon Devlin

The new Safeguarding Director will be invited to address the Synod.

iii. Chaplaincy to Survivors Update

The Synod will receive an oral update on the Chaplaincy to Survivors.

12. Deanery Planning

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

13. Any other business

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

14. 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 7th June** at 10:00am

Including approval of the 2024 NDBF Accounts and an item on LLF

- **Saturday 29nd November** at 10:00am

Including 2026 Budget Proposal.