

YORK DIOCESAN SYNOD
Living Christ's Story

A meeting of the York Diocesan Synod will be held **via Zoom** on **Saturday 13 July 2024** commencing at **9.00am**. This will be the last meeting of the current triennium.

Members are reminded that they can ask up to two original questions for answer at Question Time. Questions should be submitted by 4.00 pm on **Friday 5 July** to kirsty.mccullough@yorkdiocese.org and comply with the provisions of Standing Orders 69 to 71 as set out on the Notice of the Meeting.

Details of the agenda are given below – suggested timings for major items are shown in brackets.

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AGENDA

- 9.00** 1 **Opening Worship & Presidential Address (25)**
- 2 **Apologies for Absence**
- 3 **Declarations of Interest**
- 4 **Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2024 – DS 24/10**
- 5 **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

- 9.30** 6 **Financial Items (20)**

- (i) **Annual Report and Accounts 2023 - DS 24/12**

- Mrs Kathryn Rose, Director of Finance, will present the Annual Report and Accounts for 2023, and the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, will move a motion in the following terms:

- “This Synod receives the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited for the year ended 31 December 2023 – DS 24/12.”

- (ii) **2024 Financial Update**

- The Director of Finance will report to the Synod.

9.50 7 Audit Committee Report – DS 24/13 (10)

The Chair of the Audit Committee will present the Committee's report to Synod. The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance will move a motion in the following terms:

"This Synod receives the Report of the Audit Committee – DS 24/13."

10.00 Extraordinary General Meeting of the DBF (15)

Single item agenda to approve the proposed changes to the DBF Articles

10.15 8 Amendments to Standing Orders – DS 24/14 (10)

The Diocesan Secretary will introduce the proposal to update Standing Orders after which the Chair of the House of Clergy will propose the following motion:

"This Synod, in accordance with Standing Order 120, approves the recommendations of the Archbishop's Council and Standing Committee for the amendment of its Standing Orders as set out in paper DS 24/15A and resolves that they shall be effective from the commencement of the 2024-27 Triennium."

10.25 9 Report on the July meeting of General Synod (15)

10.40 Lectio Divina led by the Bishop of Whitby – Ephesians 1:11-14 – attached (15)

10.55 Coffee and screen Break (15)

11.10 10 *Living Christ's Story: Multiply* – DS 24/15 (30)

The Archbishop and Diocesan Secretary will provide a verbal update on LCS after which the Revd Dr Ian McIntosh will be invited to present the report on Multiply and respond to questions.

11.40 11 Environment Policy – DS 24/16 (25)

The Bishop of Selby and the Reverend Jan Nobel, Green Ambassador for the Diocese of York, will present the Diocesan Environment Policy that has been developed by the Environment Group and reviewed and amended in consultation with Archbishop's Council. The Bishop of Selby will move a motion in the following terms:

"This Synod approves the adoption of the Diocesan Environment Policy as set out in paper DS 24/16."

12.05 12 Education Annual Report – DS 24/17 (20)

Andrew Smith, outgoing Diocesan Director of Education, will present his final report on Education within the Diocese after which questions will be invited.

The Bishop of Whitby, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, will move a motion in the following terms:

“This Synod receives the Report of the York Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee for the year ended 31 December 2023 – **DS 24/17.**”

12.25 13 Safeguarding Annual Report – DS 24/18 (10)

The Archdeacon of Cleveland will give a report on Safeguarding in the Diocese and present the Annual Report of the Diocesan Strategic Safeguarding Board. She will move a motion in the following terms:

“This Synod receives the Report of the York Diocesan Strategic Safeguarding Board for the year ended 31 December 2023 – **DS 24/18.**”

12.35 14 Annual Synod Reports 2023 – DS 24/19 to DS 24/21 (10)

The following boards and committees are statutorily required to present reports to Synod – the Diocesan Board of Finance (presented under item 10(i)), the Diocesan Board of Education (presented under item 11), the Strategic Safeguarding Board (presented under item 12), the Property Committee, the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee, and the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

- (a) The Chair of the Property Committee, will move a motion in the following terms:

“This Synod receives the Report of the York Diocesan Property sub-committee for the year ended 31 December 2023 – **DS 24/19.**”

- (b) The Bishop of Whitby, Chair of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral sub-committee, will move a motion in the following terms:

“This Synod receives the Report of the York Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee, including the Closed Churches report, for the year ended 31 December 2023 – **DS 24/20.**”

- (c) The Revd Canon John Weetman, Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, will move a motion in the following terms:

“This Synod receives the Report of the York Diocesan Advisory Committee for the year ended 31 December 2023 – **DS 24/21.**”

12.45 15 Question Time (10)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- (i) *Archbishop’s Council and Standing Committee Minutes – DS 24/22*

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2024.

(ii) Bullying and Harassment Policy v2 July 2024 – DS 24/23

The Policy is reviewed annually. It has been streamlined in consultation with the Diocesan Registrar to reflect a recent simplification of ACAS guidance but no substantive changes have been made. The updated version – DS 24/23 – was approved by Archbishop’s Council and is attached for information.

(iii) Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 30 November 2024 to be in person. This is the first meeting of the new Triennium and will be held in person. An induction session will be included, and it is anticipated that the meeting will run through into the afternoon.

(iv) Reporting Back to Deanery Synods and Parishes

Notes from the Synod meeting on Saturday 13 July will be made available on the Diocesan website to help you report back to your Deanery Synods and PCCs. The notes will be available by Wednesday 17 July at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/synodnotes.

12.55 pm Closing Words and Prayers – The Archbishop