

There will be separate meetings of the House of Laity and the House of Clergy of the York Diocesan Synod on Saturday 30 November 2024 starting at 9.30 am at Manor Church of England Academy, York.

This will be followed at 9.45 am by a meeting of the full Synod. As this will be the first meeting of the new Triennium an afternoon session has been included and lunch will be provided.

Please can you send any further apologies for absence as soon as possible since the catering numbers will need to be confirmed by 22nd November.

If you have any questions concerning the practical aspects of the meeting or to advise of any dietary restrictions, please contact kirsty.mccullough@yorkdiocese.org

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

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AGENDA

9.30 Separate Meetings of the House of Laity and the House of Clergy

There will be separate meetings of the House of Laity and the House of Clergy, to be chaired by Rodney Barton and the Dean respectively, to elect one member from each to be a Vice-President of the Synod. A nomination paper and guidance on Trustee eligibility are circulated with the papers and should be returned as set out on the form by 4.00pm on Thursday 28 November. There will also be an opportunity for nominations to be taken from the floor, subject to candidates, proposers and seconders being present.

9.45 Eucharist (including Presidential Address)

10.30 Meeting of the Diocesan Synod

- 1 Introduction of new Chairs of Houses
- 2 Welcome to Members and Apologies for Absence

- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2024 – DS 24/24
- 5 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

10.40

- 6 An Introduction to Diocesan Synod (30)

The Diocesan Secretary and Chief Executive will give an introduction to the workings of the Diocesan Synod, its Committees and Working Groups, and the issues for consideration during the Triennium.

11.10

COFFEE BREAK (20)

11.30

- 10 Financial Overview and Draft Budget 2025 - DS 24/26a-b and DS 24/26c (30)

The Director of Finance will give a financial overview and introduce the draft budget for 2025.

Rodney Barton, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, will move a motion in the following terms:

"This Synod approves the Budget for 2025 as set out in paper DS 24/26 and authorises the Diocesan Board of Finance to expend a sum of £16,882,000 (of which £14,541,000 is from the General Fund) with the facility to draw up to £250,000 of contingency in addition from reserves."

12.00

- 11 Children & Youth Update (15)

The Bishop of Whitby and the Children & Youth Adviser will provide an update on the current priorities for work in this area, including the development of a framework for hearing the voice of Young People in the life of our diocese.

12.15

- 12 *Living in Love and Faith* – DS 24/27 (10)

Canon Peter Collier (Vicar General) will provide a brief summary for members of the current synodical processes arising from the introduction of Prayers of Love and Faith, with reference to the intended consultation process with Diocesan Synods on the emerging proposals. It is anticipated that supporting material will be available in readiness for the Spring 2025 meeting of Diocesan Synod.

12.25 Lectio Divina

12.40 LUNCH BREAK (40)

13.20

13 Good News Stories (10)

13.30

14 *Living Christ's Story – DS 24/28 (60)*

The Archbishop and Diocesan Secretary will provide an update to Synod on recent Living Christ's Story progress and work undertaken during the summer following the resignation of the former Director for Strategic Transformation. The Bishops of Selby, Hull, and Whitby and the Archdeacon of Cleveland will then outline the scope of each of the Workstreams and key priorities for 2025. There will be time together and time spent in groups exploring what it means to Live Christ's Story, where we are now, and how Diocesan Synod members can share in this work over the next Triennium.

There will be an opportunity for questions, including any relating to the written updates provided in paper DS24/28.

14.30

15 *From Lament to Action – DS 24/29 (15)*

There will be an update from the Chairs of the Racial Justice Group by way of introduction for new Synod members and to share the plans for the work of the Racial Justice Education Enabler during the triennium.

14.45

16 Question Time (10)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(i) **Minutes of the Archbishop's Council and Standing Committee – DS 24/30**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2024.

(ii) **List of Members**

An initial list of the elected members of which we have been notified, showing names and deaneries, is circulated. As members of Diocesan Synod you will be added to, and have access to, the online Diocesan Directory. Members are encouraged to sign up via the Church of England portal – please contact the office for advice and guidance.

(iii) Meeting Dates 2024/25

Archbishop's Council / DBF / DMPC

16 December 2024

6 February / 27 March / 9 June / 17 September / 3 November 2025

Diocesan Synod

15 March / 5 July / 29 November 2025

Agenda Committee

3 December 2024

15 January / 18 March / 21 May / 2 September / 22 October 2025

(iv) Reporting Back to Deanery Synods and Parishes

Notes from the Synod meeting on Saturday 30 November 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 4 December at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/synodnotes.

15.00 Closing Prayers

15.15 Close