

YORK DIOCESAN SYNOD
Living Christ's Story

A meeting of the York Diocesan Synod will be held via Zoom on **Saturday 20 June 2026** commencing at **9.00am**. The meeting will finish around **1pm**. Please join here:

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Members are reminded that they can ask up to two original questions for answer at Question Time. Questions should be submitted by 4.00pm on **Friday 12 June 2026** 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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Peter Warry
Diocesan Secretary & Chief Executive
29 May 2026

AGENDA

- 9.00** 1 **Opening Worship & Presidential Address (25)**
- 2 **Apologies for Absence**
- 3 **Declarations of Interest**
- 4 **Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2026 – attached - DS 26/09**
- 5 **Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

The Diocesan Secretary will brief members on the procedure for amendments to motions per the Standing Orders.

Further to Minute 8.7, the link to the final Multiply report: [Multiply-Evaluation-Final-Report.pdf](#)

6 Amendment to Deanery Synod Standing Orders – DS 26/12

The Diocesan Secretary will introduce an amendment to Deanery Synod Standing Orders, to make additional provisions relating to the appointment of Deanery Synod secretaries in time for the General Synod Elections, after which the Lay Chair will move the following motion:

The Deanery Synod Standing Orders are amended by the insertion of a new Standing Order 5.5A as follows:

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Deanery Secretary, the Area Dean shall carry out the functions of the of the Deanery Secretary until such office shall be filled. In doing so, the Area Dean may appoint such person or persons to assist him or her as may, in the Area Dean's discretion, be appropriate.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of both Deanery Secretary and Area Dean, the Archbishop shall appoint another member of the Deanery Synod to carry out the functions of the Deanery Secretary until such office shall be filled. The person so appointed may appoint such person or persons to assist him or her as may, in their discretion, be appropriate.

09:50 6 LCS Update (45)

The Bishop of Selby and Dr Mark Scott, Head of Programme Delivery, will provide an update on LCS. This will an outline of the key areas of immediate focus and the anticipated scope of the planned bid for national funding.

10.35 7 Financial Items (20)

(i) Annual Report and Accounts 2025 - DS 26/13

Kathryn Rose, Director of Finance, will present the Annual Report and Accounts for 2025, 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 2025 – DS 26/13."

(ii) 2026 Financial Update

The Director of Finance will report to the Synod. This will include reference to the LICF allocation, the paper for which is attached for information – DS 26/14.

10.55 8 Audit Committee Report – DS 26/15 (5)

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

"This Synod receives the Report of the Audit Committee – DS 26/15."

Coffee Break (15)

11.15 Lectio Divina led by the Revd Vicky Earll - attached **(15)**

11.30 9 **Net Zero Carbon Action Plan – DS26/16 (30)**

Kate Cameron, Deputy Diocesan Secretary, and Tim O'Brien, Net Zero Carbon Programme Lead, will present the action plan for consideration.

Following an opportunity for comments and questions the Archdeacon of Cleveland will move the following motion:

This Synod receives the Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Action Plan and, recognising the significant challenges around resourcing and practical implementation:

(a) endorses the approach as set out in DS 26/16 and

(b) asks the Programme Board to ensure that Synod receives annual reports relating to this Workstream.

12pm 10 **Question Time (10)**

12.10 11 **Diocesan Conference Update (5)**

12.15 12 **Safeguarding Report - attached – DS 26/17 (5)**

Synod will receive the report submitted to the most recent meeting of Archbishop's Council which reports on activity from Feb-May 2026.

12.20 13 **Annual Reports 2025 – DS 26/18, DS 26/19, and DS26/20 (20)**

(i) Safeguarding – Annual Report – DS 26/18

The Archdeacon of Cleveland, Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Operational Group, will present the report on safeguarding in the diocese through 2025.

The Archdeacon of Cleveland will then move a motion in the following terms:

"This Synod receives the Report of the Diocesan Safeguarding Operational Group for the year ended 31 December 2025 – DS 26/18."

The following boards and committees are statutorily required to present annual reports to Synod – the Diocesan Board of Education, the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee.

(ii) Education – DS 26/19

Mari Palmer, Diocesan Director of Education, will present the annual Education report 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 Board of Education for the year ended 31 December 2025 – DS 26/19”

(iii) Mission & Pastoral Committee – DS 26/20

The Bishop of Selby, Chair of the Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee will move a motion in the following terms:

“This Synod receives the Report of the Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee for the year ended 31 December 2025 – DS 26/20”

12.40 14 Good News Item (15)

Catherine Copp, Secretary to the DAC, will share some encouraging examples of recent parish projects involving the Church Buildings Team.

12.55 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

(i) Archbishop’s Council and Standing Committee Minutes – attached – DS 26/21

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2026.

(ii) Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 29 November 2026, online

(iii) Reporting Back to Deanery Synods and Parishes

Notes from the Synod meeting on Saturday 20 June 2026 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 24 June 2026 at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/synodnotes.

13:00 15 Closing Words and Prayers – The Archbishop