15 March 2018



Acts of the Diocesan Synod held on 15 March 2018 at St Luke's Hedge End. 65 members were in attendance.

Welcome and Worship

Chris Kipling and the Rev'd Mat Phips led members in opening worship. The Bishop of Winchester welcomed members and invited his guest The Bishop of Bolivia, The Rt Revd Raphael Samuel, to address members regarding his life, ministry and visit to Winchester. He thanked The Bishop of Winchester and members of the diocese for their kindness and generosity to the Bolivian people.

Setting God's People Free

The Bishop of Winchester offered theological reflections upon the report. Alison Coulter then gave an overview of the report and members engaged in small group discussion. Notes from each of these would be considered by the working group, who would bring a further update to a future meeting of Synod.

Winchester Mission Action

The Head of Strategic Development, Mr Mark Lowman, updated members on Winchester Mission Action following the successful Strategic Development Fund bid. Mr Mark Lowman and the Chief Executive addressed three questions of clarification.

Report from General Synod

Mrs Lucy Moore, member of the house of laity, reported from the February 2018 session of General Synod.

Promulgation of Amending Canons Nos. 36 and 37

Amending Canons Nos. 36 and 37 was promulged by the Chief Executive.

Questions under Standing Order 72

Questions had been received from Neil Smart and Stephen Mourant. Written responses were issued at the meeting.

The Canon Principle addressed a supplementary question on the day.

The Bishop of Bolivia closed the meeting with prayer.

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