

DIOCESAN SYNOD ACTS

28 November 2018



Acts of the Diocesan Synod held on 28 November 2018 at Vineyard Church Centre, Winchester. 73 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. He thanked the Bishop of Southampton for all his work and wished him well for his new appointment as Dean of York Minster.

Presidential Address

The Bishop of Winchester gave his presidential address. He explained his vision for meeting a charge given to him by the Archbishop when he was consecrated - "to take the gospel into the larger centres of population whilst also rekindling the life of the church and the community and rural areas".

He outlined his vision and the theological basis for developing a diocesan wide deployment plan.

Results of Chair Elections

The Head of Operations acting as presiding officer announced the results of the election:

Chair of the House of Clergy – Andrew Micklefield
Chair of the House of Laity – Alison Coulter

The Bishop of Winchester thanked all the candidates who had put themselves forward for election.

Winchester Mission Action Update

The Bishop of Southampton and Archdeacon of Bournemouth updated members on the resource church at St Marys Southampton.

Mission and Money : An introduction to Diocesan Finances

The Head of Operations provided members with an introduction to Diocesan Finances, in particular he highlighted that:

- The Diocesan budget was heavily reliant upon the common mission fund as there was very low historic income.
- Numbers of planned givers are decreasing, a nationwide trend.
- Average weekly giving across parishes does not reflect affluence levels.

Questions under Standing Order 72

Questions had been received from Southampton Deanery and Michael Minton. Written responses were issued at the meeting.

The Bishop of Winchester addressed two supplementary questions on the day.

The Bishop of Southampton closed the meeting with prayer.

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- Acts of Synod June 2018
- DS 18/04 DAC Constitution