

DIOCESAN SYNOD ACTS

25th June 2025

Acts of Diocesan Synod

held on 25th June 2025 at St Paul's, Bursledon

69 members were present.

1 OPENING WORSHIP

John Pawson led Synod in opening worship

**2 AGM OF THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE (WDBF)
DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & LOYALTY**

The Chair of the WDBF welcomed Synod in their new role as Members of the WDBF and reminded them of their responsibilities as set out in the briefing document circulated.

The Chair went on to note that he took it as read that all stipendiary and housed clergy present should declare an interest as they received a stipend and or a house from the WDBF

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH JUNE 2024

The minutes were approved with 11 abstentions and none against.

4 REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS TO YEAR END DS25/08 & DS 25/09

Jane Askew from HaysMac updated members on the audit findings.

There were no questions regarding the audit findings report.

A question was taken from the floor regarding the low growth in money invested from housing sales.

The Diocesan Secretary responded to explain that a summary of headline figures was shown, with some investments restricted in numerous ways. Regular meetings with the CCLA took place and investments continually reviewed.

5 DIRECTORS' REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024, DS25/08 & DS25/09

Members of the WDBF voted unanimously to receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, DS25/08 & DS 25/09.

6 RE-APPOINTMENT OF HAYSMAC AS AUDTIORS TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING.

Members voted unanimously to re-appoint HaysMac as auditors to hold office until the next general meeting at which the accounts are laid before Members and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration (as required under Article 14).

The Chair of the WDBF thanked the Finance Committee and the Finance team for all their hard work in gaining a clean audit.

4 DIOCESAN SYNOD

The Chair of the House of Laity welcomed members of Synod and announced an act of General Synod:

“At the group of sessions of the General Synod held at Westminster in February 2025 the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 in the form it takes following its amendment at that group of sessions was formally affirmed and proclaimed as an Act of Synod.

An Act of Synod is the embodiment of the will or opinion of the Church of England as expressed by the whole body of the General Synod. Copies of the Instrument proclaiming and affirming the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation as an Act of Synod have been sent to members of this Synod.”

5 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Bishop Philip gave his presidential address to Synod.

Full text of his speech can be found [here](#)

6 LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

John Wigmore, Basingstoke Deanery, used a point of order to move that Synod proceed to next business on the agenda immediately.

The Chair accepted the point of order for debate and invited three or four members of Synod to offer a view before putting it to members for a vote.

Alison Coulter, a member of the LLF Programme board, explained that the motivation for the LLF Consultation with Dioceses was to involve the widest number of people as possible in the national discussions.

Two other views were taken, one supporting the point of order and the other suggested that the meeting continue as per the agenda.

The Chair put the point of order to a vote which was carried by majority with 24 in favour 22 against and 13 abstentions.

7 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

No questions were received.

Bishop Philip closed the meeting in prayer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- 20th November 2025 – Christ Church Chineham
- Wednesday 18th March 2026 6 – 8.30pm
- Wednesday 17th June 2026 6 – 8.30pm
- Thursday 26th November 2026 6 – 8.30pm

DEEMED BUSINESS

Approved nem con.

- Acts of Synod March 2025