



DIOCESAN SYNOD

Thursday 20th November 2025

Christ Church, Chineham

If you have any questions or points of clarification regarding any items on the agenda, please contact sam.scott@winchester.anglican.org

Colin Harbidge –Diocesan Secretary

- 6.00pm** **1. ARRIVAL & SUPPER**
Members are invited to sit around tables by deanery groups to facilitate discussion for this meeting. We kindly request members adhere to the seating plan.

Chair : The Chair of the House of Laity

- 6.30pm** **2. OPENING WORSHIP AND WELCOME**
Yin-Yin Bull to lead synod in a short act of worship.

- 6.45pm** **3. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
The Bishop of Winchester to address the Synod.

- 7.00pm** **4. FINANCE ITEM DS25/15 & DS25/16** Decision
The Chair of Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance and Required
Finance Committee Chair to present an update on
Diocesan Finances.

Members are asked to take note of budget updates for 2025 and vote on the budget update for 2025.

Members to discuss finance proposals for 27-29 in groups and provide feedback.

Chair : The Chair of the House of Clergy

- 7.45pm** **5. CHRISTCHURCH DEANERY SYNOD MOTION DS25/17 a and b**

“Christchurch Deanery Synod calls upon Diocesan Synod to adopt the strategy set out in the paper Crossing the Threshold, a Hereford Diocese Toolkit, and consider the Use of Church Buildings as Community Assets.”

Decision
Required

Further details are outlined in the paper circulated with the agenda.

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| 8.10pm | 6. | UPDATE FROM GENERAL SYNOD
General Synod Representatives to update members from their meeting in February. | Item for Information |
| 8.20pm | 7. | GOVERNANCE MATTERS DS25/18, DS25/19 & DS25/20
Members are asked to vote on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated Deanery Standing Orders• A Delegation Scheme for Suffragan Bishops | Decision Required |
| 8.25pm | 8. | QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS
Please submit all questions in writing to the Diocesan Secretary (colin.harbidge@winchester.anglican.org) giving at least 7 days notice. Written answers to the questions will be provided on the day.

<i>Whilst there is no desire to restrict Synod members asking questions, given the fullness and complexity of this agenda, members are asked to consider if their question is time sensitive or could be submitted at a future meeting.</i> | Item for information |
| 8.30pm | 9. | CLOSE

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 18th March 2026 6-8.30pm• Wednesday 17th June 2026 6-8:30pm• Thursday 26th November 2026 6 – 8.30pm | |

DEEMED BUSINESS

Members who wish a matter of Deemed Business to be discussed at the meeting should inform the Secretary prior to the meeting. Otherwise each item will be regarded as approved unanimously.

- **UPDATE FROM BISHOP'S COUNCIL DS 25/21**