**SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE & DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE SATURDAY 13th MARCH at 10AM until 1PM**

**To be held via Zoom – link in email**

**Our Diocesan Prayer**

**Loving God, by your grace we long to see more people knowing Jesus, and more justice in your world. Help us to live as your disciples in the power of the Spirit and to work to your praise and glory. Amen**

**AGENDA**

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| **Time** | **Item** | **Matter** | **Lead** | **Supporting paper?** |
| **SESSION I: CHAIR - Debra Walker, Chair of the House of Laity** | | | | |
| 1000 | DS21/01 | Welcome and Introduction from Chair of House of Laity | DW | N |
| 1005 | DS21/02 | Opening Prayer led by Tsedaqah Community | NP | N |
| **Introductory Items of Business** | | | | |
| 1010 | DS21/03 | Bishop’s Instrument for Diocesan Synod - reminder   * To note that provision has been made for this Synod under Rule 78(5)(b) of the Church Representation Rules | DW | To follow |
|  | DS21/04 | Promulgation of Amending Canon 40 and 41 | ME | Y |
|  | DS21/05 | Minutes of October 2020 Synod   * To note that the Minutes have been approved by Bishop’s Council on behalf of Synod (as is normal practice) and thereafter circulated to Members. | DW | Y |
| **Update Items of Business** | | | | |
| 1015 | DS21/06 | General Synod Reports  *(With opportunity for brief questions & comments)* | Chris Pye | Y |
| 1025 | DS21/07 | General Synod and Diocesan Synod Elections 2021  *(With opportunity for questions)* | ME | N |
|  | DS21/08 | DBF Annual Accounts for 2019   * To note that the Accounts were approved by the DBF Finance Committee as agreed by Synod October 2020 | ME | N |
| 1035 | DS21/09 | Emmanuel College  *(With opportunity for questions & comments)*   * **Motion:** *That this Synod welcomes the creation of Emmanuel Theological College and notes the progress made by the Implementation Group* | +B | Y |
| 1050 | DS21/10 | Living in Love and Faith - update   * To notethe work undertaken and progress made in relation to ‘Living in Love and Faith’ and that this matter will be fully debated at a later Synod | +B & Amanda Bruce | To follow |
| 1105 | DS21/11 | Clergy Stipend 2021   * **Motion:** *That this Synod having regard to national guidance not to provide for an increase in Clergy Stipend for 2021, i) approves a Clergy Stipend increase of 1% for 2021 and ii) approves any additional saving to be credited to the Clergy Housing Budget* | MMcG | Y |
| **Synod breaks and reconvenes at 1130hrs** | | | | |
| **SESSION II: CHAIR – Rt Revd Beverley Mason, Bishop of Warrington** | | | | |
| 1130 | DS21/12 | Wigan Deanery Motion  *(With opportunity for questions & comments)*  **Motion:** *That this Synod, reaffirming its belief that every person is unique and precious and made in the image of God, and endorsing section 6 of the Equality Act (2010):*  *i) Challenges the common assumption that bringing a disabled child into the world is a tragedy to be avoided;*  *ii) Calls upon healthcare providers and other public authorities to improve the support they give to the parents and families of children born with disabilities;*  *iii) Calls upon Her Majesty’s Government and healthcare providers to ensure that mothers whose unborn child may be disabled in any way are given comprehensive and unbiased information about the condition and support available to them;*  *iv) Calls upon dioceses, parishes and chaplaincies to consider how they might better witness to the human dignity of disabled children, including the better pastoral advice and support they might offer to their parents and families.*) | SN | To follow |
| 1205 | DS21/13 | **Strategic Transformation Fund 2021**  *(With opportunity for discussion in breakout rooms, questions and comments)*  To note the work undertaken so far in the ‘Strategic Transformation: Vision and Purpose’ papers | SF | Y |
| 1230 | DS21/14 | **Questions under Standing Order 68** |  |  |
| 1235 | DS21/15 | **Presidential Address** | +P | N |
| 1255 | DS21/16 | **Closing Prayer** | +P | N |

**2021 Diocesan Synod:** **Saturday 13th March 2021; Saturday 9th October 2021**