

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod
will be held on Saturday 26th November 2022 at 10:00am at
the Dr Thomlinson Church of England Middle School,
Silverton Lane, Rothbury NE65 7RJ.
Members will also be joining via Zoom Video Conferencing.**

Joining instructions have been circulated to those members joining via Zoom.

President: The Rt Revd Mark Wroe, Acting Bishop of Newcastle
The meeting will be chaired by the Chair of the House of Clergy, the Revd Canon Brian Hurst

AGENDA

1. Welcome from the Chair followed by opening prayers.

2. Apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interest

Any member with a personal interest (direct or indirect) in a matter of business included within the agenda, should declare it at this point.

4. Meeting held on 24th September 2022

4.1 Business transacted on 24th September 2022 ([paper DS 08](#))

4.2 Matters arising

5. Notices

5.1 Vacancy in See

5.2 Diocese of Botswana 50th Anniversary

5.3 Deanery Planning Toolkit

5.4 Energy Support Grants

6. Questions

Questions received from members in advance of the meeting shall be taken here.

7. Presidential Address

Bishop Mark will give a Presidential Address to the Synod

8. Environment (Part 1)

The Bishop's Officer for the Environment and the Environmental Working Group will lead a presentation to the Synod. This item of business will include group work (those joining via Zoom will use Zoom breakout rooms). The Group work will be followed by a plenary.

BREAK

The Synod will pause for a break.

9. Environment (Part 2) ([paper DS 09](#))

The second session of the Environment item will focus on the National Route Map, Diocesan progress and the Synod will be invited to agree an updated Diocesan Environment Policy, paper DS22 09.

the Agenda continues overleaf.

10. Deanery Synod Elections 2023 ([paper DS22 10](#))

Parochial representatives of the laity on a deanery synod are elected every three years beginning with 2020 by the annual parochial church meeting of each parish in the deanery. Those elected hold office for a term of three years beginning with the next 1 July following the date of their election. The number of representatives to be elected from each parish is determined by a resolution of the diocesan synod no later than 31 December in the year preceding the elections. The Synod is invited to resolve that the number of representatives to be elected from each parish shall be as set out in ANNEX A of paper DS22 10.

11. Budget 2023 ([paper DS22 11](#))

For this item of business members of the Synod are sitting as members of the Diocesan Board of Finance. The proposed budget for 2023 is set out in paper DS22 11.

This item of business will begin with a presentation to introduce the budget and there will be an opportunity for members to ask questions of clarification before moving to a debate. After the debate the Chair of the Board of Finance, Canon Simon Harper, will move:

that the Synod, sitting as the Diocesan Board of Finance, resolve as follows:

(a) that the budget be approved; or

(b) that the budget be referred back to the Standing Committee

12. Any other business

13. Closing prayer and dismissal

The meeting will close no later than 13:00

Meeting dates reserved in 2023

Dates for meetings of the Diocesan Synod in 2023 are reserved as follows:

Saturday 4th March from 10:00 to 13:00 (venue to be advised)

Saturday 13th May from 10:00 to 13:00 (venue: Newcastle Cathedral)

Saturday 15th July from 10:00 to 13:00 (venue to be advised)

Saturday 16th September 10:00 to 13:00 (venue to be advised)

Saturday 25th November 10:00 to 13:00 (venue to be advised)