

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod
will be held on Saturday 13th May 2023 at 10:00am.
at Newcastle Cathedral.**

President: The Rt Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle
The meeting will be chaired by the Chair of the House of Clergy, the Revd Canon Brian Hurst
and the Chair of the House of Laity, Canon Izzy McDonald-Booth

*Please access the Cathedral via the West Door.
Registration and refreshments will be available from 9:30am*

AGENDA

1. Welcome from the Chair followed by opening prayer.

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 26th November 2022

4.1 Business transacted on 26th November 2022 ([paper DS23 02](#))

4.2 Matters arising

5. Notices

Any notices for the Synod's attention will be included here.

6. Questions

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

7. Presidential Address

Bishop Helen-Ann will give a Presidential Address to the Synod

8. General Synod Report

General Synod members, Robert Lawrance and Nicola Denyer, will provide a report of the February 2023 session of the General Synod. Their report will be followed with an opportunity for questions.

9. Racial Justice

The Synod will receive an oral report from Bishop Mark to update the Synod about work which has commenced to support the diocesan response to the General Synod report From Lament to Action and the recently announced national funding to assist dioceses with this work.

10. Environment Report

The Synod will receive an oral report to update the Synod on progress with the Environment Working Group and work required on the Routemap to Net Zero.

11. Deanery Planning

The Archdeacons will provide an update on progress with the Deanery Planning Toolkit.

the Agenda continues overleaf.

12. Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022

There are two papers for this item:

- i. Summary of Financial Statements 2022 ([paper DS22 03A](#))
- ii. Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022 ([paper DS22 03B](#))

For this item members of the Diocesan Synod sit as members of the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Chair of the Board of Finance will begin with a presentation and this will be followed by an opportunity for members to ask questions of clarification arising from the presentation. The item will then be opened for debate.

Following the debate, the Chair of the Board of Finance will propose: 'that the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2022 be received.'

13. Finance: looking ahead to 2024-2025

The Chair of the Board of Finance will provide a report to Synod on the timetable for the 2024 budget consultation and the emerging financial outlook.

Subject to timing, the presentation may be followed by a plenary.

14. Any other business

Any other business notified to the Secretary ahead of the meeting will be taken here.

The Chair will draw the business to a close no later than 12:20 to allow members a short pause before a service of the Eucharist commences at 12:30.

15. Eucharist

The meeting will conclude with a Eucharist.

The meeting will close no later than 13:00

Meeting dates in 2023

Further dates for meetings of the Diocesan Synod in 2023 are as follows:

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)