

**A meeting of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod
will be held on Saturday 15th July 2023 at 10:00am.
at the Dr Thomlinson Church of England Middle School,
Silverton Lane, Rothbury NE65 7RJ.**

President: The Rt Revd 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

Registration and refreshments will be available from 9:30am

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome from the Bishop of Newcastle 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 13th May 2023**
 - 4.1 Business transacted on 13th May 2023 ([paper DS23 07](#))
 - 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 (oral report)**
Report from the July 2023 sitting of the General Synod.
- 9. Instrument of Delegation ([paper DS23 08](#))**
In accordance with Section 13(8) of the Dioceses Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 the Newcastle Diocesan Synod is invited to approve the granting of the Instrument of Delegation to the Rt Revd Mark Wroe, Bishop of Berwick.
- 10. Governance**
The Synod will receive an oral report about a review of governance to support the work needed to progress work to be turning outwards in mission; growing younger and more diverse and to have a realistic and hopeful financial foundation to support and resource this work.
- 11. Racial Justice (Agenda standing Item) (oral report)**
The Synod will receive an oral report on this standing item of business.

the Agenda continues overleaf.

12. Environment Report (Agenda standing Item) ([paper DS23 09](#))

The Synod is invited to note the Environmental Action Plan 2023 agreed by the Bishop's Council and Board of Finance on 4th July 2023.

BREAK (not later than 11:30)

13. Generosity Week 2023 ([paper DS23 10](#))

The Synod will receive a presentation from the Generous Giving Team about resources to help parishes to engage positively with the third annual Generous Giving Week to be held between 24 September and 1 October 2023.

The accompanying paper DS23 12 contains links to the Resources prepared by the Generous Giving Team.

14. Deanery Planning (oral report)

The Archdeacons will provide an update on the Deanery Planning exercise following receipt of the draft deanery plans on 30 June. This will assist the Synod to engage with some initial emerging themes before moving to look at the emerging budget consultation.

15. Finance: looking ahead to 2024-2026 ([paper DS23 11](#))

The Chair of the Board of Finance will lead this consultative item to help to identify the key areas for the 2024-2026 budget consultation.

16. Any other business

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

17. Close

The Chair will draw the business to a close no later than 13:00.

Meeting dates in 2023

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

Saturday 16th September 10:00 to 13:00 (St John's Church, Percy Main, North Shields)

Saturday 25th November 10:00 to 13:00 (Northumberland Church of England Academy)