

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN SYNOD
Saturday March 18th 2023 at 9.30am
Telford Minster
AGENDA

The President to assume the Chair

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| 1. | 9.30 | <u>Welcome and Opening Prayers</u> | Verbal |
| 2. | 9.45 | <u>Notices and Apologies</u> | Verbal |
| 3. | 9.50 | <u>Minutes of the last meeting</u> | DS23/03/01 |
| 4. | 9.55 | <u>Presidential Address</u>
Including farewells to Bishop Clive and Claire Shaw,
Diocesan Director of Education | |
| 5. | 10.15 | <i>The Chair of the House of Clergy to assume the Chair</i> | |

Growing Faith

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In view of the demographic age profile of the life of the diocese, this synod endorses the call for church schools and churches to work collaboratively in partnership to bring the gospel to families. As a synod we believe that strong partnerships between church (and community) schools and churches can develop discipleship, encourage vocation and inspire evangelism. We recognise the strength, vitality and centrality of schools in many of our communities and their need for recognition and support in their mission. We aspire to a doubling of youth and children's work and the emergence of new worshipping communities in connection with schools

Followed by Table Talk

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| 6. | 11.30 | <i>Break for Refreshments</i> |
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11.45	<u>General Synod Report February session</u>
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This synod receives the report of the February Sessions

DS23/03/04

The Chair of the House of Laity to assume the Chair

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12.15 West Bromwich Deanery Motion
Vexatious Complaints

The Revd Neil Robbie to move that this synod:

Verbal

- a) Review current complaints policies for their suitability regarding complaints of a vexatious or repetitive nature.*
b) Bring forward policies which incorporate best practice to ensure complaints are handled on merit, with provision and guidance on how to recognise and deal with vexatious and malicious grievances.

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9. 12.35 Warm spaces/Places of welcome

10. 12.55 Question Time

Verbal

13.15 Closing prayer

To follow

The following items will be deemed to have been noted by the Synod unless a member notifies the Secretary before the meeting that he or she wishes the item to be discussed.

Standing Committee Reports, December 2022 and February 2023

DS23/03/05