

## Coventry Diocesan Synod – 8 July 2025 – AGENDA

The agenda for a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Synod, which will be on Tuesday 8 July 2025 at **7pm** at **St Nicolas, Nuneaton, CV11 4AZ**. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm.

<i>The opening of the meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Coventry, under the Standing Orders 2009</i>			
<i>The President to take the Chair</i>			
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening prayer and worship</b> To be led by St Nicolas, Nuneaton	19:00	
<b>2</b>	<b>Presidential Address</b>	19:15	+S
<b>3</b>	<b>Welcome, notices and apologies for absence</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes (DS 25-07)</b> To approve the minutes of the Diocesan Synod meeting held on 15 March 2025.		
<i>The Chair of the House of Laity to take the chair</i>			
<b>AGM AGENDA</b>			
<b>The Annual General Meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd</b>			
<b>5</b>	<b>As the members of the Board of Finance, Synod is asked to consider the following items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 2 July 2024 (<b>DS 25-08</b>)</li> <li>ii) The Chair of the DBF to propose that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Annual Report &amp; Financial Statements for the year ended 31 Dec 2024 be received (DS 25-09)</i></li> <li>• <i>The appointment of Crowe UK LLP, auditor of the company, shall be renewed until the next Annual General Meeting, and that the Directors be authorised to fix the remuneration of the Auditor</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	19:30	SC
<b>DIOCESAN SYNOD AGENDA</b>			
<b>6</b>	<b>Diocesan Board of Education Annual Report &amp; Financial Statements (DS 25-10)</b> Mike Draper, Chair of the DBE, to update synod on the work taking place in schools across the diocese. Synod to note the Report and Financial Statements of Coventry Diocesan Board of Education for the year ended 31 Dec 2024.	19:45	MD
<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>		20:00	
<b>7</b>	<b>Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DS 25-11)</b> The DAC Secretary and Director of Operations to update synod on the work of the DAC over the previous 12 months.	20:20	SD / TL
<b>8</b>	<b>Nuneaton Deanery Synod motion – Local Government Reorganisation (DS 25-12)</b> Revd Alison Evans to introduce and move the motion: <i>In response to the English Devolution proposals this synod:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Welcomes the proposals for simpler local government structures which benefit communities and local accountability,</i></li> <li>2. <i>Affirms that any change must take account of consultation with existing local authorities and communities,</i></li> <li>3. <i>Recognises that existing disparities in resources and opportunity within Warwickshire should be addressed in any new arrangements,</i></li> <li>4. <i>Requests the Diocesan Board of Finance facilitate an information session or sessions, open to the whole diocese, to increase awareness of the devolution proposals and provide guidance on how to contribute to the conversation and prepare for the changes envisaged.</i></li> </ol>	20:30	AE
<b>9</b>	<b>Questions received under Standing Order 69</b> Deadline to submit questions is 26 June	21:00	+S
<b>10</b>	<b>2024 Meeting Dates – locations to be confirmed</b> Sat 22 Nov		
<b>Bishop Sophie to close the meeting</b>		21:10	+S

**Appointment of proxies for the AGM of the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance**

Included within the agenda for this meeting is the Annual General Meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance, of which diocesan synod are the members. Under company law, diocesan synod members are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend, speak and vote at the AGM. Proxies are not required to be diocesan synod members. To appoint a proxy, or for further information, please contact [helen.groocock@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:helen.groocock@coventry.anglican.org)