

Coventry Diocesan Synod – 22 NOVEMBER 2025 – AGENDA

The agenda for a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Synod, which will be on **Saturday 22 November** at **9.30am**. Refreshments will be available from 9am.

<i>The opening of the meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Coventry, under the Standing Orders 2024</i>			
<i>The President to take the Chair</i>			
1	Opening prayer and worship	09:30	
2	Notices and apologies for absence	09:45	Bishop Sophie
3	Minutes (DS 25-14) To approve the minutes of the Diocesan Synod meeting held on 8 July 2025.		
4	Presidential address and welcome	09:50	
<i>The Chair of the House of Laity to take the chair</i>			
5	Safeguarding An overview of the 2026 INEQE audit.	10:05	Sarah Price
6	2026 Budget for the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance (DS 25-15) An overview of the 2026 budget from the Director of Finance. The Chair of the DBF to introduce and move the motion - <i>That this Synod:</i> • Approve the 2026 budget, as recommended by Bishop's Council • Authorise expenditure in 2026 up to a maximum of £13.667m	10:25	Karen Birch / Steve Coomber
7	Parish Share An update from the Parish Share review working group	10:40	Steve Coomber
8	Our Shared Future – Healthy Churches & Communities An update on the Church Buildings Strategy, with opportunity for questions.	10:45	Claire Strachan / Matt Jermyrn
Coffee Break		11:05	
<i>The Chair of the House of Clergy to take the chair</i>			
9	Our Shared Future – Renewing the Environment (DS 25-16) Annual update and emissions report from the Net Zero Steering Group, with opportunity for questions.	11:25	Tim Cockell
10	Deanery Synod numbers (DS 25-17) Steve Coomber to introduce and move the motion – “That this synod approve the proposed scale of representation for the calculation of the numbers to be elected to Deanery Synods in 2026.” <i>Note: any proposed amendments to this motion must be submitted by 12 Nov</i>	11:50	Steve Coomber
11	General Synod feedback Overview of the July 2025 General Synod session.	12:00	Sam Margrave / Claire McArthur
12	Nomination of trustees for the Chapel of Unity (DS 25-18) To nominate one lay and one clergy person as trustees of the Chapel of Unity	12:15	Jacqueline Ladds
13	Questions received under Standing Order 69 <i>Deadline 12 Nov</i>	12:20	Bishop Sophie
Bishop Sophie to close the meeting		12:25	Bishop Sophie

2026 Meeting Dates - Sat 14 March (am), Sat 4 July (am), Sat 21 Nov (am)