

DIOCESAN SYNOD

The next meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be held on 24th October 2009 in the Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral, starting with the Eucharist at 9.30 am.

There is limited parking in College Green and members are encouraged to share transport and to use nearby car parks.

2nd October 2009

Dr Kevin Brown, Secretary

AGENDA

1. **EUCCHARIST FOR A NEW TRIENNIUM**
To be held in the Quire of the Cathedral.
2. **MEETINGS OF THE HOUSES OF CLERGY AND LAITY**
House of Clergy to meet in the church of St Mary de Lode
House of Laity to meet in the Chapter House
(Coffee will be taken).
3. **WELCOMES**
4. **PROMULGATION OF AMENDING CANON NO 28**
Amendments to Canon B44 “of local ecumenical partnerships...”
5. **NOTICES & QUESTIONS**
6. **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
7. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JUNE 2009**
8. **MATTERS ARISING**
9. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE**
10. **DIOCESAN BUDGET FOR 2010 DS 09/05**
The Chairman of the DBF will propose the following motion:

“That this Synod authorises the Bishop’s Council to expend a sum not exceeding £8.3m in 2010”

The motion will be preceded by a presentation from the Director of Finance.

11. CLERGY PENSIONS DS 09/06

The Revd Canon Chris Finlay will propose the following motion:

“That the Archbishop’s Council be asked to:

- (i) re-negotiate the settlement of 1997 and make more effective use of the Church Commissioner’s funds to secure a defined benefit pension scheme for clergy, whilst capping parish contributions at 40%;*
- (ii) re-align the provision of Mutual Support by the Commissioners across the church and transfer responsibility for its management to the Archbishops Council and Dioceses;*
- (iii) as a minimum, adopt Model 1 set out in the Task Group’s paper if (i) and (ii) fail to prove acceptable.*

12. FRESH EXPRESSIONS

The Bishop of Tewkesbury will propose a motion relating to ‘Fresh Expressions’ in the Diocese of Gloucester (tbc).

This will be preceded by a presentation from Bishop Graham Cray, Archbishop’s Missioner & Team Leader of Fresh Expressions,

13. DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2010

6th February
15th June
16th October