



Agenda – Diocesan Synod

Meeting Date	11 th October 2025
Times	1000 – 1430
Venue	The Gryphon School

Agenda Items

Our Registrars have advised that under SYNODICAL GOVERNMENT MEASURE 1969 (AS AMENDED) – SECTION 4, makes provision for the Bishop *‘summoning a conference of persons appearing to him to be representative of the clergy and laity of the diocese, on such occasion and for such purposes as he thinks fit.’*

This provision means that at the Bishop’s invitation, the members of the Synod can meet as a ‘conference’ as well as a formal Synod. Other dioceses have found this a useful way to hold more informal discussions and conversations outside standing orders of the Synod. As we continue to build approaches that encourage deeper engagement and mutual understanding, we are testing this approach at the meeting on October 11th with regard to Climate action and Israel/Gaza.

Item	Time	Description	Lead
1	10.00	Welcome and opening worship	
2	10.15	Introduction	
		Apologies and quoracy Conflicts of Interest Approval of minutes of previous meeting	
3	10.20	Presidential Address	
		Bishop Stephen	
4	1035	Synod questions	
5	11.00	Role of Synod	
		One year into the triennium, an opportunity for Synod members to revisit the induction we held last year and raise any questions for clarification. Links to induction papers and standing orders	

6	11.15	DBF Budget	
		Presented by the Chair of the DBF	
7	11.45	Cathedral report	
		Dean Nick	
8	12.05	AOB for Synod business	
		General Synod report from July Group of sessions Approve formula for Deanery Synod elections in 2026	
9	12.30	LUNCH	
10	13.00	Climate Action	
11	13.45	Working for Justice: Israel and Palestine	
12	14.30	Close	
		Next Synod Meeting: 25 th February 2026 Topic: Diocesan Synod Time: Feb 25, 2026 17:30 London Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84785251319?pwd=wac3q4TUVz528c15wALB7AxlHMsaaag.1 Meeting ID: 847 8525 1319 Passcode: 398225	