Diocesan Synod October 17th 2026

Please note the opportunity to join a pre- briefing on the budget:

If you would like to know more about the 2027 Budget in the run up to the Diocesan Synod, you are welcome to join an online meeting on **7 October at 17.30:**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84809669994?pwd=SKbXgaGWaFhHPqSXw9gcjpwhWMwy52.1

Meeting ID: 848 0966 9994 Passcode: 087477

Meeting Date	Saturday 17th October 2026 10am to 3pm
Venue	The Gryphon School, Bristol Rd, Sherborne DT9 4EQ.

Agenda Items

Item	Time	Description	Desired Outcome
1	**10.00**	**Welcome and Prayers**	
		• Introductory prayer • Apologies and quoracy • Conflicts of interest • Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising • Notices	Note Approve
2	**10.15**	**Presidential Address**	
		Bishop Karen	
3	**10.30**	**Safeguarding Regular Report**	
		Director of Safeguarding	Note
4	**10.40**	**Cathedral Annual Report**	
		The Dean	Note
5	**11.00**	**Budget - 2027**	
		• Letter from Bishop Karen introducing the Budget • Budget Guide (colour version plus plain version) • Separate pdf with the detailed Budget numbers Motion **The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance to move:** **'That the Diocesan Board of Finance annual Budget for 2027 is approved.'**	Vote
6	**12.20**	**Questions**	

		Questions may be submitted in accordance with Standing Orders 26 and 69 to the Diocesan Secretary, **7 days in advance, by 5:00 pm on Friday the 9th October 2026**. David.Pain@salisbury.anglican.org	
7	**12.40**	**Governance matters**	
		• **The Act of Synod instrument** • **Paper regarding election numbers** **7.1 Proclamation of Act** Chair **to Proclaim Act of Synod** re VinS Regulations: "At the group of sessions of the General Synod held at York in July 2026 the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 in the form it takes following its amendment at that group of sessions was formally affirmed and proclaimed as an Act of Synod. An Act of Synod is the embodiment of the will or opinion of the Church of England as expressed by the whole body of the General Synod. Copies of the Instrument proclaiming and affirming the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation as an Act of Synod have been sent to members of this Synod." **7.2 Diocesan Synod 2027 elections** **Motion:** The Chair of the House of Laity to move "That this Synod, a. In order to ensure a majority for the House of Laity and that the total membership of the Synod and Board of Finance lies between 100 and 270 members, determines that the formula for clergy members to be elected by the Houses of Clergy of the deanery synods shall be on a proportion of 21.5% of the membership of those Houses. b. Further determines that the form of voting paper to be used by the deaneries in this election and for any election to fill a casual vacancy occurring during the next ensuing three years shall be Form 6 in Part 10 of Church Representation Rules, which is for elections to be decided by simple majority." **END of Formal Synod Agenda**	Note Vote
	13.00–13.30	**LUNCH**	
		Please bring your lunch with you.	
8	**13.30–15.00**	**Meeting of synod members with Bishop Karen** Learning to Grow Younger: connecting with younger generations through church and school	