Meeting of Diocesan Synod members with Bishop Karen

Agenda Reference	Growing Younger
Times	1.30 – 3.00pm
Meeting and Date	17th October 2026
Item led by	Keli Bolton & Katie Fitzsimmons
Background	One Diocesan priority is to reverse the generational decline in our churches. National funding has been sought to employ the Growing Younger Team to address this. Salisbury Diocese has 190 Church of England schools which the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education (SDBE) supports. We are identifying ways that the work of the DBF and SDBE overlap, where we might support each other and ways to enable closer links between parishes and schools. Working together, this session will highlight three key areas: • RE and opportunities for churches and schools to work in partnership • Intergenerational worship • Raising up young leaders These are just taster sessions to give you a flavour of key opportunities to grow younger. Embedding 'growing younger' as part of Diocesan culture is vital to reversing the generational decline in churches and supporting the communities in which we minister, which includes any school in our locality. It will take all of us to make a change and we hope this time together will inspire creativity and opportunities in your worshipping community.
What is required of this meeting?	Note and action as appropriate
Please explain any acronyms not explained in the text.	DBF – Diocesan Board of Finance SDBE – Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education