

DIOCESAN SYNOD ACTS

18th March 2026

Acts of Diocesan Synod

held on 18th March 2026 at St Barnabas, Winchester

57 members were present.

1 OPENING WORSHIP

Winchester Deanery led Synod in opening worship

2 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Bishop Philip gave his presidential address to Synod.

Full text of his speech can be found [here](#)

3 UPDATE FROM DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Director of Education began by thanking Synod for what they do in Church of England schools and gave an update on the work of the board across 2024 and 2025.

4 VISION AND STRATEGY UPDATE

The Bishop of Southampton updated members on progress with Vision and Strategy which, once finalised would be taken to Bishop's Council for approval.

Questions and comments were taken from the floor.

A full copy of the presentation can be found [here](#)

5 CREATION CARE AND NET-ZERO STRATEGY UPDATE

The Diocesan Environment Officer gave a short update and Synod then worked in small groups to discuss input into the revised strategy.

6 UPDATE FROM GENERAL SYNOD

James Pitkin updated members on the meeting of General Synod in February and advised members that General Synod elections would be held later in the year.

7 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

No questions were received.

The Dean closed the meeting with a blessing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Wednesday 17th June 2026 6 – 8.30pm
- Thursday 26th November 2026 6 – 8.30pm

DEEMED BUSINESS

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- Acts of Synod November 2025