DIOCESE of WINCHESTER

DIOCESAN SYNOD

26th November 2026

St Paul's, Winchester

If you have any questions or points of clarification regarding any items on the agenda, please contact cathy.laird@winchesterdiocese.org.

Colin Harbidge –Diocesan Secretary

6.00pm	**1.**	**ARRIVAL & SUPPER**	
Chair : The Chair of the House of Laity			
6.30pm	**2.**	**OPENING WORSHIP AND WELCOME**	
6.40pm		**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS** The Bishop of Winchester to address the Synod.	
6.55pm	**3.**	**DIOCESAN TEAM REVIEW DS26/09** The Diocesan Secretary to update members on the outcome of the review.	Item for information
Chair : The Chair of the House of Clergy			
7.10pm	**4.**	**SMMIB** The Diocesan Secretary and Bishop of Southampton to update Synod.	Item for information
7.25pm	**5.**	**THREE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN 2027-2029 DS26/10a&b** The Chair of the Finance Committee to present to members setting the context of this plan. These plan is commended to Diocesan Synod by the Directors of the WDBF. *"This Synod approves the Diocesan Three Year Financial Plan for 2027 to 2029 as set out in paper DS26/10a&b."*	Decision Required
7.55pm		**QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS** Please submit all questions in writing to the Diocesan Secretary (colin.harbidge@winchesterdiocese.org) giving at least 7 days notice. Written answers to the questions will be provided on the day.	Item for information

8.00pm **CLOSE**
Meeting to close in prayer

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Wednesday 17th March 6pm - 8.30 pm-please note change of date
- Wednesday 23rd June 6pm – 8.30 pm

END OF TRIENNIUM 31st JULY 2027

DEEMED BUSINESS

Members who wish a matter of Deemed Business to be discussed at the meeting should inform the Secretary prior to the meeting. Otherwise each item will be regarded as approved unanimously.

- **Acts of Synod June 2026**
- **Bishop's Council Update to Diocesan Synod DS26/11**
- **Update on Christchurch Deanery Motion DS26/12**
- **BMO Scheme for Deanery Membership DS26/13**
  Under the Church Representation Rules (CRR), a deanery synod's membership is formed by elected parish representatives. A Bishop's Mission Order (BMO) falls outside of the standard process, and therefore a scheme is needed to clarify who is entitled to representation and how representatives are appointed or elected.

  BMOs are intended to encourage mission in contexts that do not fit traditional parish patterns. Representation at deanery synod allows those communities to contribute to deanery planning, mission strategy, finance, and governance.

  This draft scheme is proposed following the launch of the St Swithun's, Bournemouth (LOVECHURCH) BMO in June 2025.