

# 2024 EDINBURGH DIOCESAN SYNOD



INTERIM REPORT &  
SYNOD AGENDA  
24 OCTOBER 2024

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# THE DIOCESAN TRUSTEES

**THE MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ARE ELECTED BY DIOCESAN SYNOD AND ARE OUR CHARITY TRUSTEES. ELECTED MEMBERS HAVE A 4-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE RENEWABLE ONCE.**

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## **THE RT REVD DR JOHN ARMES**

Bishop of Edinburgh (Convenor)

An Ex-officio member of the committee whilst holding that office. Bishop John was consecrated as 26th Bishop of Edinburgh on 12 May 2012.

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## **THE VERY REVD FRANCES BURBERRY**

Dean of Edinburgh Diocese

An Ex-officio member of the committee whilst holding that office, and was appointed as Dean in March 2017. The Dean holds the office for five years, renewable for a further period or periods of five years. Frances is also Rector of St Ninian's Comely Bank, Edinburgh

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## **THE REVD ROSIE ADDIS**

Rector of Bathgate & Linlithgow

Elected by Diocesan Synod in 2019.



### **REVD DAVID DIXON**

Priest in Charge of St Barnabas, Moredun in Edinburgh  
Elected by Diocesan Synod in 2021

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### **VICTORIA ELLIOTT**

A member of the congregation at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh and a member of the General Synod. Elected by Diocesan Synod in 2017

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### **IAN LAWSON**

Diocesan Treasurer

An Ex-officio member of the committee whilst holding that office, and was appointed as Diocesan Treasurer in 2018. Ian is also Treasurer of The Good Shepherd, Murrayfield in Edinburgh.

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### **THE REVD DR SOPHIA MARRIAGE**

Convenor of the Mission & Ministry Committee

An Ex-officio member of the committee whilst holding that office, and was appointed in 2019. Sophia is also Rector of St Mark's Portobello in Edinburgh.



## **PROFESSOR WILSON POON**

Diocesan Secretary

An Ex-officio member of the committee whilst holding that office, and was elected in 2024. Wilson is a Professor at Edinburgh University's School of Physics & Astronomy and also teaches at the School of Divinity in a masters programme on 'Science and Theology'.



## **PIPPA SNELL**

Diocesan Registrar

An Ex-officio member of the committee whilst holding that office, and was appointed in 2019. The Diocesan Registrar advises the Bishop on legal matters.



## **DR MICHAEL WOOD**

A member of the congregation at Holy Trinity Melrose and former Layclerk at St Mary's Cathedral, elected in 2024. Michael is a counsellor and psychotherapist and holds qualifications from Oxford and Edinburgh Universities





## **EDINBURGH SOUTH**

Christ Church • St Cuthbert • St Fillan • St John • St Michael & All Saints • Penicuik • Roslin • West Linton



## **EDINBURGH SOUTH WEST**

Balerno • Dalmahoy • Cathedral • Good Shepherd • St Martin • St Salvador



## **MID & EAST LoTHIAN**

Dalkeith • Dunbar • Gullane • Haddington • Lasswade  
• Musselburgh • North Berwick



## **WEST FORTH**

Bathgate • Bo'ness • Falkirk • Grangemouth •  
Linlithgow • Livingston



# DIOCESAN SYNOD AGENDA



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## **5.30PM**      **SYNOD EUCHARIST**

Held in the Chancel. Please be quiet when arriving if you are not attending Eucharist.

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## **6.00PM**      **REFRESHMENTS**

Tea & coffee is available

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## **6.30PM**      **APOLOGIES & NOTICES**

Including the welcome and introduction of those members attending their first Synod

Remembrance of those who have died since the last Synod

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## **6.35PM**      **BISHOP'S ADDRESS**

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## 6.50PM      **ADMINISTRATION**

N.B. Questions should be submitted to the Synod Secretary (Simon Filsell) in advance wherever possible

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### **MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of Diocesan Synod held on 24 February 2024

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<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-synod/>

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## 6.55PM      **FINANCE & MANAGEMENT**

*Presented by Ian Lawson, Diocesan Treasurer*

**Diocesan Accounts for 2023** - To note the 2023 Audited Accounts

(Published here:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/resources-diocesan-office-finance/>)

### **Diocesan Financial Position 2024**

### **Diocesan Budget 2025**

**Motion:** This Synod notes the Diocesan Accounts for 2023

**Motion:** This Synod approves the Diocesan Budget for 2025

## 7.35PM ELECTIONS *(PAPER ONLINE)*

- **General Synod - Clergy** 1x vacancy &
- 2x Area Council nominations
- **General Synod - Laity** 1x Area Council nomination
- **Provincial Faith & Order Board** 1x vacancy
- **Provincial Mission Board** 1x vacancy

## 7.40 PM COMMUNICATIONS

*(Cathy Tingle, Diocesan Comms Group & Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator)*

Developing a diocesan communications strategy

## 7.55 PM GRANT FUNDING – NET ZERO & OTHERS

*Net Zero - Neil Rawlins, Provincial Carbon Projects and Data Officer & Andrew Aveyard, Convener, Diocesan Environmental Group*

*St Hilda's Fund – The Revd Canon Dr Sophia Marriage, Convenor, Mission & Ministry Committee*

*Benefact Trust – Ian Lawson, Diocesan Treasurer*

**8.30PM Any Other Business** – any items must be notified to the Diocesan Administrator before the start of Synod proceedings

## THE BISHOP CONFIRMS THE ACTS OF SYNOD