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**CANTERBURY DIOCESAN BOARD OF FINANCE  
DIOCESAN SYNOD**

Saturday 16 November 2024

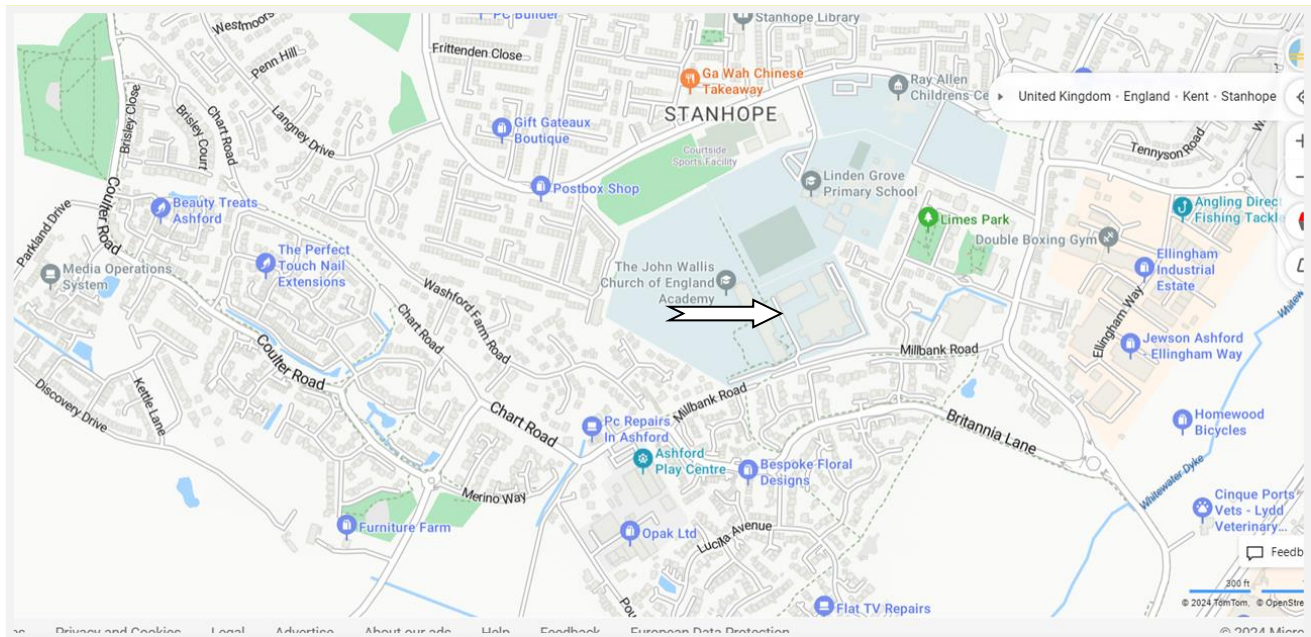
The John Wallis Church of England Academy, Ashford

**AGENDA**

The meeting will take place at the John Wallis Church of England Academy, Millbank Road, Kingsnorth, Ashford TN23 3HG

A map of the venue is below.

There is ample parking on site.



### **Papers enclosed:**

#### Agenda

Minutes of the meeting of Synod held on 03 July 2024

Minutes of the meeting of Archbishop's Council held on 5 October 2024

Diocesan Budget for 2025

Financial Strategy Report

Strategic Programme Report

Notes to 2023 Accounts

### **Dates of Meetings in 2025**

#### **Diocesan Synod**

15 March

2 July

15 November

#### **Archbishop's Council**

4 February

29 April

10 June

14 October

- From 08.30am**      **REGISTRATION** – tea and coffee on arrival
- 9.00 am**            **WELCOME, WORSHIP AND THE PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS**
- 10.00 am**            **SHORT PRESENTATION – THE SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK**  
This to prepare for a more major presentation at the next Synod
- 10.10 am**            **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 10.30 am**            **PRESENTATIONS FROM FUNDED PROJECTS and FACILITATED DISCUSSION ON DIOCESAN STRATEGY**  
Time in groups to be followed by reporting back and a chance for a Q&A session.  
The two questions being asked are:  
  1. What are the biggest challenges facing your parish/benefice?
  2. What do you see as the five best opportunities for delivering growth?
- OPEN SESSION ENDS 12.15pm**
- 12.15 pm**            **Meetings of the Houses of Clergy and Laity**  
Under the provisions of the Standing Orders the first session of a new Synod can be preceded by separate meetings of the Houses of Clergy and Laity for the sole purpose of electing Chairs of those Houses.  
Nomination forms for election of the Chairs of both Houses have been sent out.  
The meetings will commence promptly at 12.15 pm.  
Directions to the meeting locations will be given in advance.
- 12.30 pm**            **LUNCH – Synod Members are asked to bring their own lunches. Tea and Coffee will be provided**

## MEETING OF DIOCESAN SYNOD (“CLOSED SESSION”)

Time	Item	Action needed
1.00 pm	1. <b>WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND NOTICES</b>	
1.05 pm	2. <b>ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> a) Archbishop’s Council Election Results 2024 b) Vacancy in See Committee Results 2024	<b>To note</b>
1.10 pm	3. <b>A DISCUSSION ON THE BOARD’S STRATEGY</b> This will include presentations on financial and wider strategy <b>Strategic Programme Report and Financial Strategy Slides</b>	
2.10 pm	4. <b>DIOCESAN BUDGET 2025</b> <b>The Interim Chair of the Board of Finance</b> to present the draft budget proposal 2025 for further consideration and approval. <b>Budget 2025 and Diocesan Synod Notes to 2023 Accounts</b>	<b>Vote of approval required – by show of hands</b>
2.40 pm	5. <b>FORMAL BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To <u>approve</u> the Minutes of the meeting of Synod held on 03 July 2024 which are subject to approval by Archbishop’s Council <b>Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Synod</b></li><li>Matters arising from the minutes if not covered elsewhere</li><li>To receive the Minutes of the meeting of Archbishop’s Council held on 5 October 2024 <b>Draft Minutes of the meeting of ABC</b></li><li>Following the unanimous decision of Archbishop’s Council to recommend to Diocesan Synod that Tony Richter be appointed Chair of the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance to further consider approval of this appointment. <b>Appointment of Chair</b></li><li>To appoint Iain Blythe as Secretary to Synod</li><li>Question Time <b>Questions and Answers to follow</b> Questions must be received in writing by NOT LATER THAN 9am on Friday 8 November 2024. Questions should be sent by email (address: <a href="mailto:diocesansecretary@diocant.org">diocesansecretary@diocant.org</a>)</li></ul>	<b>To approve by show of hands</b>  <b>To receive</b>  <b>To consider and approve by show of hands</b>  <b>To approve by show of hands</b>
3.00 pm	<b>CLOSE</b>	

