

Diocesan Synod Report

Diocesan synod met three times in the last year.

At the July meeting, there was an emergency debate about the situation in Sudan, a presentation of the accounts from 2022 and the current situation in 2023, There was a report from the property committee and all major diocesan departments.

A final item introduced a review of the diocesan links abroad that the Dean of Bradford Andy Bowerman is conducting and looks at what links we should have and how they will be supported.

At the October meeting Andy Bowerman fleshed out the proposals for Diocesan Link. The budget for 2024 was presented discussed and approved. The diocese is targeting a 3% per annum increase in Diocesan share receipts to get back to pre Covid giving levels. At the moment the diocese cannot support the ongoing losses.

Bishop Nick explained what the process with Living in Love & Faith is, an update was given on the Barnabas project and we agree the numbers of synod members from each deanery.

The final meeting in March passed a motion confirming our diocese will not invest in companies with significant revenue from fossil fuels. Andy Bowerman presented a motion to accept the report he had produced about link dioceses which was approved. Bishop Nick gave an update on Living in Love & Faith and there was an update on the Barnabas project.

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