

There will be a **meeting**  
of **Stroud Deanery Synod** on  
**Wednesday 15th February 2023, 7.30pm** at  
**Lakefield School, Lake Lane, Frampton-on-Severn. GL2 7HG**

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*Coffee will be available from 7pm,  
before the meeting begins promptly at 7.30pm*

- 1. WELCOME and introduction** – Canon Margaret Sheather, Lay Chair
- 2. OPENING PRAYER** – Revd Liz Palin
- 3. MINUTES**
  - 3.1** To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at Cainscross Church Hall  
*(Having been circulated previously)*
  - 3.2** Matters arising, not already covered elsewhere on the Agenda
    - Our Motion to Diocesan Synod re the process for filling Clergy vacancies
- 4. 'GREEN SHOOTS'** – Members are invited to share any new good news stories from around the Deanery – maybe something new that has started up in your benefice, or an existing project that might be going particularly well.
- 5. THE DEANERY STRATEGIC PLAN** – Update following the latest DSP Meeting held on 31st January – Area Dean
- 6. PRESENTATION – Growing Faith and Community Engagement**  
**Speaker: Jo Wetherall, Diocesan Growing Faith and Spirituality Officer**  
Followed by a time for small group discussion and feedback
- 7. PARISH & BENEFICE UPDATE – Area Dean**
  - **Bisley Benefice** – *House for Duty vacancy – to be considered under the Deanery Strategic Plan*
  - **The Stroud Team** – *Revd Kate Stacey is on Sabbatical from January to March.*
  - **The Beacon Benefice** – *Update on the appointment process*
  - **Brimcombe, Woodchester & Rodborough** – *Update*
- 8. REPORTS**
  - 8.1 – Report from General Synod, 14th – 16th November 2022 – Lay Chair**
  - 8.2 Report from Diocesan Synod – 5th November 2022**  
**Mike Lambert** - *Deanery Treasurer and Parish Share Officer:*
  - 8.3 Stroud Deanery Financial Update**
  - 8.4 Deanery Administration**  
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31.12.2022  
and Budget for 2023 - Please see attached reports

## 9. Confirmed meeting dates for 2023:

<b>Standing &amp; Pastoral Committee 10am-12 noon all at The Porch Room Minchinhampton</b>	<b>Deanery Synod all at 7.30 pm (Coffee available from 7pm)</b>	<b>Speaker/Topic</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th April</b>	<b>Wednesday 10th May St Laurence Church, Stroud</b>	<b>Extended/Additional uses for church buildings</b> Adam Klups (Snr Church Buildings Officer & DAC Leader & Revd Canon Dana De Lap, DAC Chair)
<b>Tuesday 12th September</b>	<b>Wednesday 4th October Minchinhampton Church</b>	<i>Tbc</i>

## 10. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Next meeting of Area Deans** – 21st & 22nd March 2023
- **Deanery Synod Elections** will take place this year.  
*Paperwork will be coming out from the Diocesan Secretary shortly*
- **Deanery Eco Ambassador** – Update

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Please advise the Deanery Administrator of any other business. No other business will be considered for inclusion unless received by her by 10.00am on Tuesday 14th February 2023.

## 12. CLOSING PRAYER led by the Area Dean

**Essential information – taken from Diocesan weekly Bulletin 7.2.2023**

**Reduced-rate VAT on energy:** Check your church has completed a charity declaration with your energy supplier. Once accepted, your church will be charged only 5% VAT and will be exempt from CCL. Churches will generally be eligible for 100% relief, but some church halls will not be able to claim 100% charitable use.

**Energy Bills Discount Scheme:** 'Non-domestic customers' includes places of worship. The taxpayer-funded discount will be applied from April 2023 to March 2024. Visit: [www.gov.uk/guidance/energy-bills-discount-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/energy-bills-discount-scheme)