

There will be a **meeting**
of **Stroud Deanery Synod** on
Wednesday 21st May 2025, 7.30pm at St Laurence Church, Stroud

Coffee will be available from 7pm

1. WELCOME and introduction – Canon Margaret Sheather, Lay Chair

2. OPENING PRAYER – Revd James Turk, Stroud Team Rector

3. MINUTES

To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 26th February 2025 at Lakefield School, Frampton.

Matters for Action:

Parish Share 2026 – Update on the Benefice Consultation meetings held on Monday 17th March at the Painswick Church Rooms. Shared feedback included:

- *General feeling that it was a very positive collaboration, with genuine open conversations. Overall, we are just not generating enough money in the parishes.*
- *Most Treasurers appreciated the conversations and felt that they had been listened to and challenges had been acknowledged at DBF level.*
- *Lisa-Jayne Lewis is part of our help mechanism – invite her to your parishes and tap into her skills and expertise and what she can offer to support any initiatives.*
- *We knew what was coming, but it was helpful to have the picture outlined in the context of Diocesan finances as a whole.*
- *A new Diocesan leaflet on Parish Share is in the pipeline, expected shortly. More information will be coming out over the summer, with figures expected by 31st August for us to work with.*

(7.45pm)

4. Speakers: Barrie Voyce, Senior Youth Connector
Our Deanery Vision for Children & Youth Ministry

Followed by a time for questions

(8.40pm)

5. THE DEANERY STRATEGIC PLAN – Update following a recent meeting with David Evans, the Diocesan Facilitator.

6. PARISH & BENEFICE UPDATE

Stroud Team – Team Vicar vacancy – We are delighted to announce that Revd Coral Francis has been appointed as a full time Team Vicar to the Stroud Team of churches.
Rodborough & Bisley vacancy posts – to be reviewed under the DSP

7. REPORTS

7.1 Diocesan Synod – next meeting scheduled for 2nd July 2025

7.2 General Synod on 10th–14th February 2025 – *Report to follow*

Mike Lambert - Deanery Treasurer and Parish Share Officer

7.3 Stroud Deanery Financial Updates – *Report to follow*

7.4 Deanery Eco Ambassador, Jennie South – *Report to follow*

(8.50pm)

8. Confirmed meeting dates for 2025

Standing/Pastoral Com. 9.30am-12 noon all at The Porch Room Minchinhampton	Deanery Synod all at 7.30 pm <i>Coffee served from 7pm</i>	Suggested Speaker/Topic
September Tuesday 16th September	October - Wednesday 15th Holy Trinity, Minchinhampton	Church Buildings <i>Diocesan Buildings Team</i>

9. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deanery Lay Chair vacancy – Update on the ongoing process

Deanery Standing & Pastoral Committee – We continue to have 1 Lay vacancy. 3 meetings per year, plus a role on the Deanery Leadership Team

Bishop Rachel Deanery Visit – Monday 9th June 2025

The programme of events will end with an open, informal discussion meeting with questions and answers, 7-9pm at Lakefield School, Frampton-on-Severn, to which everyone is warmly invited.

10. 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 20th May 2025.

(Approx. 9.00pm)

11. CLOSING PRAYER led by Revd Steve Saville