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Order Paper for Christchurch Diocesan Synod

The 4th session of the 56th Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch (2026 is the third of three years)

Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September 2026

The times listed are approximate and may be adjusted throughout the day as needed.
In line with Standing Order 15, Synod may agree to adjust the order of proceedings if required.

Thursday	**3rd September 7:00pm, Synod Eucharist** - Transitional Cathedral Presider: Bishop Peter Carrell Preacher: The Very Reverend Ben Truman
Friday Reminder	**4th September SYNOD** Please wear your name tag (issued on arrival) and sign the Attendance Register each day. Note: Catering is available only for registered participants.
8:00am	*Tea / coffee for early arrivals*
8:30am	**Registration**
9:00am	**First Session begins**
9:00am (20)	**Morning Prayer** led by The Venerable Nick Mountfort
9:20am (10)	**Declaration of Quorum** (Rachelle Mathews) **Welcome:** (The Right Reverend Dr Peter Carrell) **Motion 1: Speaking Rights** Speakers: Phoebe McLean (Projects Officer, Anglican Missions) Joanna Frampton (Chairperson, New Zealand Church Missionary Society) Mrs Carolyne Grant (Project Director, Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Project (CCRL)) Mr Lindsay Crossen (Director, CCRL) Mr Mark Stewart (Director, CCRL) Mr Nick Hawkins (Technical Director, CCRL) Mrs Sally Lafleur (Executive Officer, CCRL) Mrs Veronica Cross (Minute Taker) Mr Scott Walters (Diocesan Administrator and IT Support) Moved: Mrs Corinne Haines Seconded: Dr Bruce Deam **Notices** (Rachelle Mathews) **Motion 2: Acceptance of the Order Paper** as distributed on 30 July 2026 Moved: Dr Bruce Deam Seconded: The Reverend Felicity O'Brien **Notice of Motions** – per printed Schedule **Notice of Motions without notice** **Notice of Questions** to President or any Synod Member (Standing Order 13)
9:30am (60)	**Presidential Address** – The Right Reverend Dr Peter Carrell
10:30am	**Morning Tea**
11.00am (30)	**Presidential Address Continued** – The Right Reverend Dr Peter Carrell
11:30am (05)	**Motion 8: Acceptance of Presidential Address** Moved: The Venerable Nick Mountfort Seconded: Mr Ross Jones

11.35am (25)	**Anglican Missions Board Presentation** – Phoebe McLean and Joanna Frampton **Motion 10: Anglican Missions Target** Moved: Mr Mark Aitchison Seconded: Dr Bruce Deam
12:00pm (15)	**Midday** Prayer led by Mrs Azaria Brooker
12:15pm (60)	**Lunch**
1:15pm	**Synod resumes**
1:15pm (30)	**The First Reading of Bills 1 to 4:** **Bill 1: The Interpretation Statute 1891 Amendment Bill 2026** Moved: Dr Bruce Deam Seconded: The Reverend Felicity O'Brien **Bill 2: Financial Regulations of the Diocese of Christchurch Statute 2018 Amendment Bill 2026** Moved: Dr Bruce Deam Seconded: Mrs Hilary Humphrey **Bill 3: Cathedral Chapter Statute 2016 Amendment Bill 2026** Moved: Mrs Corinne Haines Seconded: The Reverend Jordan Greatbatch **Bill 4: The Diocesan Ministry Units Statute 2021 Amendment Bill 2026** Moved: Dr Bruce Deam Seconded: Mr Ross Jones
1:45pm (20)	**Insurance Presentation:** Mr Gavin Holley
2.05pm (30)	**Cathedral Reinstatement Project presentation** – Mrs Carolyne Grant and Mr Lindsay Crossen
2.35pm (40)	**Motion 15: Cathedral ReOpening Project** Moved: The Very Reverend Ben Truman Seconded: The Reverend Jordan Greatbatch
3:15pm	**Afternoon Tea**
3:45pm	**Synod resumes**
3:45pm (20)	**Church Property Trustees Act Presentation** - Mr Alex Summerlee
4.05pm (25)	**The Second Reading of Bills 1 to 4:** Bill 1: The Interpretation Statute 1891 Amendment Bill 2026 Bill 2: Financial Regulations of the Diocese of Christchurch Statute 2018 Amendment Bill 2026 Bill 3: Cathedral Chapter Statute 2016 Amendment Bill 2026 Bill 4: The Diocesan Ministry Units Statute 2021 Amendment Bill 2026
4:30pm (15)	**Motion 5: Acceptance of the Audited Accounts for 2025 of CPT** Moved: The Reverend John Shoaf Seconded: Mr Peter Flannery **Church Property Trustees Presentation:** The Reverend John Shoaf
4.45pm (60)	**Motion 3: Acceptance of the Audited Accounts for 2025 of the Diocese of Christchurch** Moved: Mrs Corinne Haines Seconded: Mrs Hilary Humphrey **Motion 4: Acceptance of the Audited Accounts for 2025 of the ADMSC** Moved: Mr David Prosser Seconded: Mrs Hilary Humphrey **Motion 6: Acceptance of the Diocese of Christchurch Budget 2027** Moved: Mrs Hilary Humphrey Seconded: Mr David Prosser **Motion 7: Acceptance of the ADMSC Budget 2027** Moved: Mr David Prosser Seconded: Mrs Hilary Humphrey **Motion 9: Acceptance of the Annual Reports** Moved: The Reverend Jordan Greatbatch Seconded: The Reverend Dr Meg Harvey
	Evening Prayer led by The Reverend Timothy Handley
5:45pm	**Drinks and Nibbles**
6.30 pm	**Synod concludes for the day - please remember your name tag tomorrow**

Reminder	Nominations close at 9.00am Saturday 6th September
Saturday Reminder	**5th September** Please bring your name tag and sign the Attendance Register each day.
8.30am	**Registrations**
9.00am	**Order of the Day - Nominations** must be received by the Diocesan Manager by 9.00am
9.00am	**Synod resumes**
9:00am (20)	**Morning Worship** led by The Reverend Hilary Willett
9:20am (20)	**Anglican Care Presentation** – Mrs Corinne Haines and Ms Jane Evans
9:40am (20)	**Clergy and Warden Wellbeing Working Group** – The Reverend Victoria Askin
10:00am (05)	**Prayer Workshop Report** – The Venerable Nick Mountfort
10:05am (15)	**Under 40s Team Presentation** – The Reverend Sammy Mould
10.20am (10)	**Introduction of Nominees for Elections**
10.30am	**Morning Tea**
11:00am	**Synod resumes**
11:00am (15)	**The Third Reading of Bills 1 to 4** Bill 1: The Interpretation Statute 1891 Amendment Bill 2026 Bill 2: Financial Regulations of the Diocese of Christchurch Statute 2018 Amendment Bill 2026 Bill 3: Cathedral Chapter Statute 2016 Amendment Bill 2026 Bill 4: The Diocesan Ministry Units Statute 2021 Amendment Bill 2026
11.15am (45)	**Motion 11: Parish of Mid Canterbury Amalgamation** Moved: The Venerable Nick Mountfort Seconded: Mr Ross Jones **Motion 12: An Apartheid-Free Diocese** Moved: The Reverend Christopher Orczy Seconded: The Reverend Andy Dickson **Motion 13: Development of Policy Templates for Parish and Ministry Compliance** Moved: The Reverend Dr Carolyn Robertson Seconded: The Reverend Dr Joshua Taylor **Motion 14: Signage** Moved: The Reverend Mike Hawke Seconded: Mrs Fiona Pearce **Motion 16: Generative AI (Artificial Intelligence)** Moved: Mr Jack Hollis Seconded: Mr Luke Che
12:00pm (15)	**Midday Prayer** led by The Reverend Alan Cummins
12:15pm (60)	**Lunch**
1:15pm	**Synod resumes**
1:15pm (15)	**Elections**
1.30pm (60)	Continuation of Synod Discussions, Bills and Motions.
2.30pm (10)	**Short break (no refreshments provided)**
2.40pm (5)	**Announcement of Election Results**
2.45pm (60)	Continuation of Synod Discussions, Bills and Motions (if required).
3.45pm	**Motion of Thanks**, The Venerable Mark Barlow **Closing Prayers and Dismissal**
Synod concludes approximately 4:00pm	

2027 key dates: Clergy Conference – to be announced
Synod – Thursday 2 to Saturday 4 September 2027