

There will be a **meeting**
of **Stroud Deanery Synod** on
Tuesday 14th April 2026, 7.30pm at St Laurence Church, Stroud

Coffee will be available from 7pm

1. WELCOME and introduction – Revd James Turk, Co-Area Dean

2. OPENING PRAYER led by Revd Coral Francis

3. MINUTES

To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at Lakefield School, Frampton

Matters for Action - not already covered elsewhere on the Agenda: *There are none*
(7.40pm)

4. DEANERY STRATEGIC PATHWAY

Revised document and Prayer Resources leaflet attached, to take back to your PCCs for further discussion and feedback.

(7.50pm)

5. DISCUSSION - The Realities of Church of England Finance – Nic Tall

Followed by a time for group discussions and question.

(8.35pm)

6. PROPOSED MOTION to Diocesan Synod by David Groom, deferred from previous meeting. *Wording attached.*

(8.45pm)

7. PARISH & BENEFICE UPDATE

- **Do you have any good news stories you would like to share?**
- **Rodborough** - *Vacancy post to be reviewed under the DSP*
- **Bisley Benefice**– *Vacancy post, also to be reviewed under the DSP*
Proposed restructuring to a Group of Parishes – *update, Revd Sue Murray*

8. REPORTS

Please see individual Reports attached

8.1 Diocesan Synod – 31st January

8.2 General Synod – 9th-13th February

8.3 Stroud Deanery Financial Updates - Mike Lambert - *Deanery Treasurer and PS Liaison*

8.4 Eco Update - Jennie South – *Deanery Eco Ambassador*

(8.55pm)

9. CONFIRMED MEETING DATES FOR 2026

Core deanery Leadership Team Meetings (CDLT) 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
June Tuesday 9th	June Tuesday 30th <u>Painswick Church Rooms</u>	Church Buildings & our Mission & Ministry
October Tuesday 6th	October Tuesday 20th <u>Minchinhampton Church</u>	Digital Communications Katherine Clamp – Head of Communications & Sam Cavendar – Senior Digital Coms Officer

10. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Deanery Synod Elections take place this year at your APCMs**
Newly elected representatives take up their post from 1st July, for a 3 year term.
(PCC Secretaries have been asked to let Sally have details of any Church Officer changes following the APCMs, particularly any newly elected Deanery Synod representatives).
- **Deanery Confirmation Services**
Sunday 3rd May, 6pm at Bisley Church
Sunday 20th September, 6pm venue tbc
- **Next meeting of the Deanery Leadership Team (DLT)**
Tuesday 5th May, 3.30pm in the Upper Room at St Laurence Church Hall
- **General Synod Elections take place again this year**
Further details to follow in due course.

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 Monday 13th April 2026.

(Approx. 9.05pm)

12. CLOSING PRAYER led by Laurie Miller, Lay Chair