

Following discussions at Deanery Synod on 15th October 2025 under Reports, suggested Motion by Stroud Deanery Synod to Gloucester Diocesan Synod

After noting the General Synod Report of 11th – 15th July 2025 and the Gloucester Diocesan Synod Report of 4th October 2025, the Stroud Deanery propose a motion to:

- i Welcome Bishop Rachel’s continuing commitment to supporting parish ministry; and**
- ii Express concern that a motion by Hereford plus ten further Dioceses, including Gloucester, to review the financing of parish ministry was unable to be timetabled at the February General Synod and was then passed over at the July Synod by the preferential timing of a later proposal from “the centre”; and**
- iii Encourage Gloucester Diocesan Synod to continue to support the “Hereford plus Ten” case for a radical review of parish ministry funding and press for it to be debated by General Synod in early 2026.**