



**THE FIRST SESSION HELD OCTOBER 2021
OF THE FORTY-FIRST SYNOD
OF
THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
2021 – 2023**

**PROCEEDINGS
2021**

MINUTES OF FIRST DAY

Minutes of the First Session of the Fortieth Synod 2021 at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School (BCGS)

The First Synod Session of the Forty-First Synod of the Diocese of Bunbury commenced on Friday, 8th October 2021 at 11 am and was adjourned at the end of the second day, Saturday, 9th October 2021 at 4.15 pm with The Grace said by all present.

The Synod's Opening Eucharist was held in the Chapel of St Clare and St Francis at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School with The Rt Rev'd Dr Ian Coutts, Bishop of Bunbury presiding and the service commenced at 11 am and this was followed by lunch together.

The First Session of the Forty-First Synod was opened at 1.05 pm by the Archdeacon of the Diocese of Bunbury, The Venerable Julie Baker. She advised Synod Representatives of the following:

- The position of Diocesan Secretary is vacant at present and where this role was required by Synod rules, Archdeacon Julie Baker is delegated by the Bishop to act in this role.
- The Covid-19 register is to be the same as the Signing Register for the 2 days. This was required by the School as well as the Diocese. Everyone was required to sign in please on both days.

The President Welcomes

The President welcomed all to the Synod, especially those who were attending for the first time. They were invited to stand and be welcomed with applause.

Bishop Ian confirmed the Minutes and Proceedings of the previous Synod session, the 3rd session of the 40th Synod held in October 2020 had been read and confirmed by the Minute Secretaries and the Minutes Reading Committee. They were also noted by the Bishop-in-Council in November 2020.

The Diocesan Secretary, Archdeacon Julie called for nominations for the Secretaries, Lay and Clergy and these were approved by Synod as at the last Synod.

Synod agreed to elect and confirm the secretaries as listed in the Proceedings Carried

The Roll was called by the Diocesan Secretary. All in attendance were recorded according to the list in Book 1. Variations in attendance were noted and **Apologies were recorded** – see the Sign-In Sheet. These include:

Rev'd Mary Esslement

Rev'd Paul Cannon

Rev'd Hilary Kan

Rev'd Harold Lee

Rev'd Sue Lodge-Calvert

Rev'd Lynda Myres

Mr Peter Potter

Mr Vern Sattler

Mr David Greef, CMS
Mr Malcolm Bromhead
Ms Margaret Phipps
Ms Pat Skeig
Mr John Jarvis (Friday)

Hours as set out were moved by the Diocesan Secretary. Carried

Synod Roles as set out in the Proceedings were noted.

Minute Reading Committee:

Rev'd Lindy Rookyard, Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris, Emma Cannon. Carried

Chair of Committees: Rev'd Karen Cave Carried

Deputy Chair: Ms Marilyn Royer Carried

Committee Minute Secretary: Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris Carried

The President advised the Trustees' election was to happen this first day of proceedings, to facilitate more clearly the elections for Bishop-in-Council and other elections tomorrow, Saturday. Members were advised the details of the elections and the nomination forms and voting boxes were available in the Voting Room. There is no need to vote in Houses. Alternates were not entitled to be nominated. Other Council, Board and Committee positions will be opened once the membership of the Trustees have been determined.

Notices of Motion: Nil

Reports from Book 2: Trustees and Bishop-in-Council Report and Stipends Committee, were presented. No questions were raised. Carried

Reports from Diocesan Organisations and Community Groups have been circulated in Book 3 and 3A.

The List of Reports were read out.

Members were directed to see the list of Reports which it was assumed had been read by all attending.

All reports were taken as presented with grateful thanks to those who had written and contributed to the reports and the work of those organisations and groups doing this excellent work.

Mr Barry Gibbs, Williams raised a question about the LLM progress and the Education Council

Archdeacon Julie Baker responded the LLM training courses are now online. The President invited Synod members to suggest other courses if required.

Rev'd Jamie Murray, Australind, raised a question about changes in the Safe Ministry guidelines for those working with children.

Archdeacon Julie Baker responded we have to follow the Safe Church Canon. If further clarification is sought, Rev'd Murray was invited to talk to the Chairperson of the Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority, Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris.

Motion: Archdeacon Julie Baker moved all Reports in Books 3 and 3A be accepted.
Carried

Questions, Petitions and Notices of Motion are included in Book 4.

All Motions 1- 5 provided with Notice were all determined to be 'Not Formal', so they are to be debated.

Books 5 and 5A

Ms Marilyn Royer, Member of the Finance Committee provided a report on the Audited Accounts for 2020-2021.

The Auditors were satisfied.

Statement of thanks to the Finance Team. Applause from Synod Members to express their thanks for the diligence and hard work of this team on behalf of the Diocese.

During Covid-19, there had been \$89,000 Jobkeeper Income; and \$59,000 cashflow. Covid-19 created ongoing financial stress for the Diocese and parishes. The budget endorsed by Bishop-in-Council and Trustees for 2021-2022 is flexible due to the ongoing pressures of Covid-19 and is recommended to Synod for approval.

Moved: Audited Accounts for 2020-2021 be accepted.

Moved: Ms Marilyn Royer

Seconded: Rev'd Ian Mabey

Carried

The Financial Report had very favourable report from the Auditors. Surplus is due to an increase in share values, (see the 2nd page of the report). An increase of \$527,000 overall. There is a slight decrease in Motor Vehicles; Legal Settlements (p.4) written off. Note p. 11. All accounted for appropriately. The surplus is about \$400,000. The budget proposed a loss of \$389,464, but we had \$92,000 come in due to sale of trees being thinned at Dingup and the \$150,000 reimbursement from the sale of Ray Cheek's house reimbursing the Diocese for a previous Redress payment. The LSL (Long Service Leave) provision is increased for the office as many are close to being taken (not clergy.) See page 5 of the Auditors' report.

The Finance Committee report to Bishop-in-Council with its reports and to be given guidance. There has been a difficult decision concerning the Parish Assessments, this is now determined through rolling average process. See the Parish Assessments at the end of the Budget for details.

There were no questions.

The Auditors for 2021-2022 were proposed as AMD Chartered Accountants

Moved: Ms Marilyn Royer

Seconded: Rev'd Ian Mabey

Carried

Ms Marilyn Royer provided a report on the budget approved by the Bishop-in-Council and Trustees for 2020-2021.

Motion: The Budget be approved.

Moved: Ms Marilyn Royer

Seconded: Rev'd Ian Mabey

Carried.

Questions, Petitions, Notices – Nil

Synod adjourned for Afternoon Tea at 2.54pm

Synod re-convened at 3.35pm

Diocesan Legislation was commenced. Book 6.

Dr Renae Barker, Diocesan Advocate outlined and explained the process for debate and for having leave to speak and participate in the discussions.

- Anglican Church of Australia response to the National Address Scheme. P8 in booklet. Introduced by the Diocesan Secretary. M2018/1

Bill 1: The Diocesan Audit Statute 1991-2020

Moved by Dr Renae Barker

Seconded by The Ven. Julie Baker

The purpose of the legislation is to update references to dates in the legislation.

This Bill was Passed.

Bill 2: The Diocesan Trustees Statute 1985-2018

Moved by Dr Renae Barker

Seconded by The Hon. Kevin Prince.

The purpose of the amendments to the Statute was to include the position of Chairperson of the Diocesan Safe Ministry Authority as an ex-officio member of Trustees and consequently, of Bishop-in-Council. The additional position takes the number of Trustees as ex-officio from 5 to 6 people, and the overall number of Trustees from 10 to 11 members.

Dr Don Reid praised the Synod for the proposition. He wondered if a similar profile could be given to the Diocesan work with the Aboriginal people in the Diocese.

Passed with 3 abstentions.

Bill 3: The Parochial Statute 2017-2020.

Moved by Dr Renae Barker

Seconded by The Ven. Julie Baker.

The Parochial Statute was to be updated and aligned with the Interpretation Statute and to clarify the role of the Lay Voting Parishioner, with the emphasis on the lay nature of the Electoral Roll and there being no place for clergy persons to be involved, whether Anglican or of another denomination on the Electoral Roll or on Parish Council.

Dean Darryl Cotton, Bunbury was concerned about the impact on Clergy.

Rev'd Karen Cave, Albany queried the input of retired clergy at the AMP. Dr Renae Barker clarified Retired Clergy may speak at an AMP, but cannot vote as a member of the laity.

The Ven. Julie Baker advised Clergy are appointed to Parish Council. Retirement means retirement. If you hold an Assisting Clergy licence you may be on Parish Council.

Ms Lorraine Kennedy, Williams invited Retired Clergy to come and participate at Williams as they currently have no clergy.

Rev'd Ian Mabey, Mandurah was concerned about the definition of 'licence' as it means different things in different denominations. He requested the definitions be checked again.

Rev'd Shane Marques, Oyster Harbour asked if people who have been Pastors in other denominations could be considered lay members in our churches?

The Ven. Julie Baker advised the legislation gives room for the Bishop's consent for variations.

The Bill was passed.

Bill 4: The Licensing Statute 2017-2020

Moved by Dr Renae Barker

Seconded by Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

The purpose of the amendment was to include the reference to Leave for Clergy for Family and Domestic Violence in line with what was available for employees in the Diocese.

In addition, Schedule 9, the application for LLMs was amended to provide 5 clear categories.

Dr Renae Barker advised pages 9 and 10 of The Licensing Statute are being replaced with pages 11 and 12 in the Synod book.

Rev'd Jamie Murray sought clarity about the reference to the Code of Conduct. Any queries can come to Bishop-in-Council for clarification and the Schedules can be updated if appropriate.

The Bill was passed.

Bill 5: The Bunbury Diocesan Mission Council Statute 1999 – 2018

Moved by Rev'd Cn Linley Matthews-Want

Seconded by Dr Renae Barker.

Synod was asked to repeal the current Statute from the Diocesan Legislation as Bishop-in-Council had established a Standing Committee for the Mission Council which was called Catalyst for Mission.

Rev'd Cn Linley Matthews-Want provided background information on the previous and current work of the Council. She referred to the Community Hub at Carey Park, the Prayer Quilt Ministry at Dunsborough, the blessing of bikes at Dwellingup, Toasties and Coffee at Donnybrook and Harvey, and Church of the Way's Hampers. There were 70 projects and initiatives identified in a recent survey.

The Bill was passed.

Bill 6: The Interpretation Statute 1994 – 2017

Moved by Dr Renae Barker

Seconded by The Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris.

The Interpretation Statute was updated following decisions made in legislated changes from this Synod, including references and definitions of the Electoral Roll, Lay Voting Parishioners, Area Dean, Area Deanery, Deanery Chapter and Diocesan Safe Ministry Chairperson.

The Bill was passed.

Bishop Ian Coutts, Bishop of the Diocese of Bunbury gave his Synod Address for 2021.

The Address was received and accepted.

Update: The Ven. Julie Baker reminded people to collect their nomination forms for Trustees' elections. 2 clerical and 3 lay members were being sought.

The business of the first day of the first session of the 41st Synod was ended with Evening Prayer.

The Synod Dinner was held Friday night, 8 October.

Saturday, 9 October 2021

Synod was reconvened on Saturday morning with Morning Prayer in the School Chapel commencing at 9 am.

Nominations for Trustees were closed at 9.35 am. 2 Ordination Candidates were Scrutineers.

Motions, Notices and Petitions – Updates on last year’s Motions

Uluru Statement from the Heart to be adopted: Motion M2020/1

Dr Don Reid, Boyup Brook commented on the Uluru Statement, a Motion from 2020 and pointed to the work being done during the year with the Diocesan Reconciliation Working Party established by Bishop-in-Council, chaired by Rev’d Dr Lucy Morris, with Dr Reid, Ms Elizabeth Pellicaan and Mrs Susan Davies as the current Members. It was working on raising awareness about reconciliation with the Aboriginal people in the Diocese through the Churches; and had been meeting and gathering stories. Dr Reid provided websites for people with further information. Rev’d Dr Lucy Morris had also brought to Synod, The Lord’s Prayer in Noongar, language maps, copies of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and other resources. Please help yourselves. Website: www.fromtheheart.com.au

Apology to People of Different Sexualities: Motion M2020/4

An invitation had been extended and accepted by the LGBTQI community locally to meet with Bishop-in-Council members earlier in 2021. Several people from Out Southwest Committee, Equal Voices and local members of the Bunbury parish accepted the invitation.

Question

Rev’d Jamie Murray queried the reference to Homosexuality in the 1998 Lambeth Conference in Motion last year which he thought had been ‘lost’.

The Ven. Julie Baker reminded Synod Members the reference to the Motion last year was taken forward to debate. It was not ‘lost’.

Action for Safe Air and Climate Change: Motion M2021 /1

Moved by Mr Adrian Price

Seconded by Dr Don Reid.

Dr Reid, Boyup Brook, spoke in favour of the Motion, noting a number of health and lifestyle risks arising from air pollution.

Qu: Mr Barry Gibbs, Gateway Parish, Williams asked if the Motion point 3 locked the diocese into electrical vehicles and hydrogen.

Ans: This is not part of the Motion.

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris requested and encouraged the sharing of practical steps and tips for all parishes to help us all to promote and practice this. Regular discussions are to be encouraged.

Ms Helen Bignall, Kojonup raised a concern we expect Government to do this and it is rather an individual responsibility. We also need to emphasise less consumption as part of the commitment.

Mrs Daphne Cross, Southern Ranges encouraged within the Motion's intent, further work to be done to reduce the use of plastic. A future Motion on this would be good.

Mrs Lorraine Kennedy, Williams encouraged Synod to plant more trees.

The Motion was passed, 1 against, 4 abstentions.

Voting for Trustees positions took place.

Federal Government Refugee and Asylum Seeker Policy.

Moved by Mr Adrian Price

Seconded by Dr Don Reid.

The Motion sought more action by individuals and the Diocese on the issues of immigration, asylum seeking and support for the Biloela family.

Dr Reid encouraged people to speak and write to their politicians.

Mr Price reminded people Synod had been seeing motions on this issue going back to 204.

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris spoke in support of the Motion. Fortress Australia is unkind, cruel and vindictive. Our silence makes us complicit in this injustice. There is a Social Justice Working Party – we're still looking for a chairperson – such a Working Party would pick up this work and other social justice issues.

Rev'd Cn Karen Austin spoke for the Motion. She was appalled at our government's leadership on this matter and lack of Christian compassion.

Mrs Helen Bignall, Kojonup was concerned about how many refugees Australia can welcome given the finite resources.

Rev'd Lindy Rookyard, Kojonup was against the Motion, as there are far too many still on temporary visas needing solutions.

The Ven. Julie Baker reminded Synod the Motion was asking for us to object to unjust government policies and to lobby government to put compassion back into this work.

Ms Rachel Sambell, Southern Ranges, spoke for the Motion, reminding us of the biblical mandate to care for the alien in the land.

Bishop Ian Coutts reminded everyone the one third world has the two thirds world knocking on its door seeking a fairer distribution of the wealth.

Dr Reid reminded everyone of the need for compassion.

The Motion was passed, 2 against, 2 abstentions.

Provision of Affordable Accommodation: Motion M2021/3

Moved by Mr Adrian Price

Seconded by Dr Don Reid.

The Motion asked Synod to support low cost housing including 'the tiny home' movement and other alternatives. It asked Bishop to write to Local, State and Commonwealth Governments to enable these to be developed.

Mr Adrian Price spoke of his own experience of being homeless in the past and living in a car. There were no questions.

Rev'd William Thomas, Pinjarra Waroona supported the Motion, providing anecdotes of homeless people he has known. Good quality low cost housing is critical. Living on the streets can happen suddenly and to anyone.

Rev'd Cn Karon Austin spoke for the Motion, reminded Synod of the work of Boniface Care with much of the work being done with the homeless. There are many empty Homeswest houses in Bunbury and elsewhere.

Mrs Jackie Rowland, Coodanup was not sure about the Motion. Concerned city dwellers are not prepared to live in the empty houses in the rural regions.

Mr David Swain, Southern Forests. Manjimup Shire had been very progressive in its work around housing. Walpole has many vacant houses. Perhaps we could seek legislation requiring home owners with more than one home to rent their houses.

The Motion was passed.

Trustees Elections Results were as followed:

Clerical: Dean Darryl Cotton

James Tabor

Laity: Peter Fitzgibbon

Marilyn Royer

Eleanor Lewin

Synod adjourned for Morning Tea.

Racism and Gender Based Discrimination: Motion M2021 / 4

Moved by Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Seconded by Rev'd Ian Mabey.

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris spoke of her experiences of discrimination and racism in the diocese and the wider community. She reported on the prevention of family and domestic violence and other forms of violence found in the Anglican Church of Australia and the recent findings of research done by the Anglican Church of Australia. We need to remember accurately and bring about justice.

Qu: Rev'd Shane Marques, Oyster Harbour asked if the Motion could be read. Dr Renae Barker read the Motion in full. Rev'd Shane asked about the consequences arising from the 4th dot point of the Motion.

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris explained by giving examples of exclusion.

Rev'd Shane asked if the intention was to use the Grievance Policy to be the only mechanism for responding to complaints.

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris advised she thought the existing mechanisms would be used in the first instance. We have a lot more available policy work than previously which can be called upon initially.

The Hon Kevin Prince asked about the definitions and consequences and Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris explained her expectations as previously experienced in secular workplaces.

Rev'd Paul Watson, Secret Harbour was concerned the document does not include definitions for some of the terms. Could these be included?

Rev'd Marion Prowse, Gelorup asked for a definition of patriarchy which Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris provided, and added she was using the terms as defined in the secular contexts. Patriarchy is the use of male headship, power over women based on gender and power imbalance. It is a system of relationships, beliefs and values embedded in political, social, economic systems structuring gender inequality between men and women. Attributes seen as masculine are privileged.

Mrs Joy Castiglerrie, Denmark highlighted a typo for correction.

Rev'd Sally Buckley, Denmark Walpole asked if the Motion was seeking consequences for when relationships are broken along these issues. Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris responded we must first recognise the problem and then seek to address it and provide meaningful solutions.

Rev'd Shane Marques, Oyster Harbour asked if this will become a mandated area of concern for the Safe Ministry Authority and the Trustees?

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris said she had not anticipated this being the solution at this time.

The Hon Kevin Price advised the Motion as written, would mean the Bishop-in-Council will need to develop appropriate procedural consequences. This is to be progressed.

Mrs Suzanne Saunders, Australind spoke against the Motion, citing her own time, 40 years in education and 17 years as a school principal and she had never experienced discrimination. She wanted the terms to be clearer.

Dr Renae Barker spoke for the Motion. She spoke of her fight for a position as a young woman on a regular basis. This is a Motion of intent, not a policy. It is the first step towards clarification and responses to the poor behaviour. Let us start now, not in 10 years' time. Let's get started.

Ms Rachael Sambell, Southern Forests, spoke for the Motion, and of her experiences of violence and homelessness. Let us start now with this work and find ways of dealing with unacceptable behaviour.

Rev'd Jamie Murray, Australind spoke against the Motion. He objected to the text, it makes gender based and racial based discrimination similar. It assumes all discrimination is wrong, there is just and unjust discrimination. The terms need to be clarified, such as white supremacy.

Rev'd Dr Sarah MacPherson, Augusta Margaret River spoke for the Motion. She reiterated this is a starting point. We do in fact know what is racism, gender discrimination and what these words mean. At the moment, there are no real consequences for perpetrators.

Mrs Helen Bignall, Kojonup spoke against the Motion. Let us remember discrimination goes both ways for men and women.

Rev'd Rose Guok, Busselton spoke for the Motion. She spoke of her painful experiences as the first non-Caucasian Asian woman priest in her parish. There has been some change of heart since her arrival. But she has experienced racist slurs in the wider community because of her looks and she supported the Motion, as it will put consequences in place.

Rev'd Ian Mabey, Mandurah, seconded the Motion. He spoke on listening to the experiences of those who are not white, middle aged males. We thank those who are speaking up on behalf of those suffering discrimination. The sufferers have shown us the way. Let us as men and all of us, be a part of the solution and not continue to be the problem.

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris replied with thanks. Let us see the problem, hear the stories, and make the necessary changes. Let us see the Holy Spirit's heart beating with us all.

Rev'd Ian Mabey commended all those who spoke bravely.

The Motion was passed with 4 abstentions.

The Ven. Julie Baker advised Synod all Nominations had closed.

Synod adjourned for lunch.

Election Results

Bishop-in-Council

Trustees are also automatically Members of Bishop-in-Council

Clergy: Rev'd Rose Guok

Rev'd Esther Leach

Rev'd Karen Cave

Lay: Mrs Susan Davies

Mr Brian Seale

Mrs Suzanne Saunders

Provincial Council

Clergy: Rev'd Karon Cave

Ven. Julie Baker

Lay: The Hon. Kevin Prince

Mrs Marilyn Royer

Parochial Nominations Board

Clergy: Rev'd Karen Cave

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Rev'd Mavis Tyler

Lay: Mr Mark Gllpin

Ms Jeannie Cornish

Mrs Robin Depiazzi

Boniface Care Council

Lay: Mr Rod Steele

Mr Mike Page

Mrs Prue Monotti

Bishopric Nominations Council

Clergy: Rev'd James Tabor

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Re'd Karen Cave

Rev'd Ian Mabey

Rev'd Dr Sarah MacPherson

3 Reserve vacancies:

Rev'd Linley Matthews-Want

Rev'd Justine Richmond

Rev'd Cathie Broome

Lay: The Hon. Kevin Prince

Dr Renae Barker

Mrs Susan Davies

Mrs Anne Ritson
Mrs Robin Depiazzi
Mrs Jeannie Cornish
3 Reserve vacancies:
Mr Brian Seale
Mr Matthew O'Brien
Mrs Louise Sutherland

Diocesan Tribunal

Clergy: Rev'd James Tabor
Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris
Lay: Mrs Eleanor Lewin

General Synod

Clergy: Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris
Dean Darryl Cotton
Lay: Dr Renae Barker
Mrs Marilyn Royer

Heritage Building Funding: Motion M2021 / 5

Moved by Mr David Swain

Seconded by Ms Michele Schmidt

The Motion seeks the Bishop and Trustees to petition and lobby governments and all interested parties to assist small parishes to maintain heritage listed churches and buildings; providing support for grants, and working to support and assist in this complicated and challenging work.

Mr David Swain spoke of the difficulties of maintaining heritage listed church properties. He is looking for tools of assistance to help parishes negotiate the requirements of applying for grants and other funding sources. He is looking to make maintenance more manageable and possible.

Qu. Dr Don Reid, Boyup Brook. What happens if a property is abandoned? Is there a consequence?

Ans: Mrs Marilyn Royer, Busselton made the observation asking for a change in the tax system is a very difficult process, long term and not likely. This will be a difficult request for Trustees to do anything about.

Mr Walter Perry, Lake Grace spoke of the situation of maintain a building which hasn't been used for 12 years and what to do when the parish funds run out.

Rev'd Lindy Rookyard, Kojonup spoke about the 'old church' situation. She had invited the community to meet at the church. A small group was formed to manage and raise funds for maintenance.

Mrs Lorraine Kennedy, Williams noted there were 7 churches in the parish. Volunteers and mining companies had contributed to their maintenance.

Mrs Daphne Cross, Southern Ranges spoke for the Motion. They have 4 churches in their parish which are underused and finding money for maintenance is a constant struggle.

The Motion was passed. 2 Against, 2 Abstentions.

The Diocesan Vision, Mission and Strategies.

Bishop Ian spoke to the Strategic Plan which had been presented at the Pre-Synods, Bishop's Ministry Advisory Council and invited Synod members to think about the theme: to love God with all our hearts, soul, mind and strength and our neighbour as ourselves; and to consider the 4 strategies. The support had been clear at the Pre-Synods. The information is also on the Diocesan website and Synod Members were asked to take the work back to the parishes and support its roll out and engagement locally. The first strategy on prayer was to be in place by 1 December 2021 with a report back to Bishop Ian with the parish response and actions.

A Lent course on prayer was also provided for consideration.

Rev'd Mavis Tyler reported on the Goldsmith Deanery's 'Explore Prayer Day' in the Cathedral on 12 March 2022 in the new Cathedral Hall.

Bishop Ian reminded Synod re bell ringing at the eve of the International Climate Conference.

Synod broke for Afternoon Tea.

Motion without Notice: Thanks to those who organised and supported and worked throughout Synod.

Moved by The Ven. Julie Baker

Seconded by Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris

Rev'd Dr Lucy Morris also added thanks to The Ven. Julie Baker for her leadership and enabling of this Synod.

The Motion was passed unanimously.

Synod was adjourned with Grace at 4.15pm.

