

Summary

Annual General Meeting & Diocesan Synod Meeting 13 May 2023

Diocesan Synod met at Holy Trinity Southwell, with the Revd Peter Shaw leading worship.

The AGM of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) received the Annual Report & Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022, as previously approved by Bishop's Council, and approved the re-appointment of BHP as Auditors for the year 2023 at a fee to be agreed by Bishop's Council.

Diocesan Synod

Bishop's Address

Bishop Paul's address can be read here:

[Bishop's Address to Diocesan Synod - Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/bishop-address-to-diocesan-synod-diocese-of-southwell-nottingham)

Growing Disciples Update

Bishop Andy presented to Diocesan Synod on the process of reviewing the strategic vision of the Diocese and the work undertaken so far. Local engagement, through the 'Parish Refresh' process had been positive, and clear themes had emerged, which will inform priorities.

Further discussion was planned at Bishop's Council in September, Diocesan Synod in October and Diocesan Conference, with a launch to the wider Diocese in Advent 2023 – the anniversary of Growing Disciples strategic vision being launched in 2016.

There was an opportunity for group discussion and feedback.

Living in Love & Faith

Bishop Paul's update formed part of his address. There was an opportunity for group discussion and feedback.

General Synod Report

A report was received by members, written by The Revd Becky Hancock, General Synod member. Mr Ian Boothroyd, as a member of General Synod, provided additional context.

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel Annual report 2022

Mr Barry Earnshaw, Independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Committee addressed Diocesan Synod and provided an update on safeguarding priorities and arrangements, shaped against the background of IICSA & PCR2.

Annual Reports to Diocesan Synod

Diocesan Synod received and noted annual reports from: The Diocesan Board of Education (DBE), the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and Partnerships & Mission.

*Mr Martin Cooper, Diocesan Chief Executive
May 2023*