



**The Deanery of Greater Dudley
Deanery Synod**

Tuesday 15th October 2024

7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start at Christ Church, Coseley

Christ Church Coseley, Church Road, Coseley, WV14 8YB

There will be parking at Christ Church CE Primary School, in addition to local street parking.
Please make every effort to car-share.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening worship, including a time of looking at Scripture together
2. Good News stories: Please contact the Deanery Secretary with good news stories that will encourage us all: meldrose@live.co.uk
3. "Doing Ordinary Church Well"
 - a. *Introduction – Bishop Martin*
 - b. *Workshop Introductions...*
Workshops are planned on the themes of...

<i>Doing Care Home & Seniors ministry well</i>	<i>led by Lyn Rowson</i>
<i>Doing Church Communications well</i>	<i>led by Sam Setchell</i>
<i>Doing Church Governance well</i>	<i>led by Judith Nex</i>
<i>Doing Community Engagement well</i>	<i>led by Kim Topham</i>
<i>Doing School & Family ministry well</i>	<i>led by Sian Morgan</i>
 - c. *Plenary reports*
4. Praying Together for the Life of the Deanery and its Parishes & Diocese
5. Diocesan Synod - nominations to fill casual vacancies (see below)
6. Meeting closes by 9:30pm

Other Notices

Diocesan Synod: There are a few too many lay vacancies on Diocesan Synod from our deanery. It is important that we are well represented on the Diocesan Synod, especially as the experiences of ministry that we have in the urban north, are distinctly different from the rest of the diocese. To be chosen, a candidate must be nominated and seconded by members of the deanery synod laity, and their nomination must be approved by a simple majority at a Deanery Synod meeting. Nominees need not be presently, members of Deanery Synod or a PCC (though they become members if chosen to represent us in the Diocese). Diocesan Synod meets only 3 times per year. Please consider whether God is calling you to serve the church in this way; or if not you, someone you know. Complete a nomination form, available from greaterdudleydeanery@outlook.com, and return it to the deanery secretary melrose@live.co.uk, preferably before the meeting.

Please remember to pass details of any changes to Synod membership from your parish, to both the Diocesan Office and to Emma Leek at greaterdudleydeanery@outlook.com please include

address, phone number and email address. Without up-to-date records, it is not possible to send updates, Agendas, etc.

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 20th March 2025** – 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Venue to be advised

Speaker: Chris Boden – Diocesan Parish Resources Officer

Chris helps churches with looking at how they can better use their resources to continue to build and develop their ministry. In particular Chris will be introducing “Cornerstone” a new parish finance resource.