

Ivybridge Deanery - 2026 Triennium Standard Agenda Template

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Faithfully serving the parishes
and communities within the
Deanery by providing a network
of fellowship and support, to
grow, pray and serve.

Deanery Vision Statement

This template sets out the standard order of business for all Deanery Synod business meetings. It is a procedural instrument prepared and ratified by the Standing Committee under Exeter Rules VIII.1(a), and is to be read as part of the Standing Orders (SO 14). The agenda for each meeting shall be agreed by the Standing Committee using this template (SO 2), with the date, venue, and any notes circulated to all members at least seven days before the meeting (CRR V.5).

1. Opening prayer (*open*)

The meeting opens with prayer.

2. Apologies for absence (*open*)

Apologies received are noted. Apologies shall be submitted by email to the Lay Chair or Secretary no later than two hours before the meeting (SO 10).

3. Speaker or knowledge update (*open*)

A speaker or knowledge update is presented. This portion is open to relevant PCC members and others as the Chair determines (SO 5).

4. Minutes and matters arising

- (a) Vote to accept the minutes of the previous meeting
- (b) Matters not on the agenda arising from the minutes

5. Financial report

A brief financial report is received from the Treasurer (CRR V.9).

6. Reports

- (a) Diocesan Synod report
- (b) General Synod report

Reports are also circulated directly to all Deanery Synod representatives and PCC secretaries (SO 8).

7. Parish reports

Each parish is invited to share briefly one success or piece of good news aligned to one of the five diocesan strategic priorities (SO 11); see the Diocese of Exeter website. Reports shall be kept brief so that all parishes have the opportunity to contribute.

8. Issue tracker

An update on all live issues is received. Relevant issues are discussed (SO 15). Live issues carry forward to the next agenda automatically until resolved or formally deferred.

9. Closing prayer and worship