



Diocesan Synod 2024

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

23 August 2024

Dear Friends,

Synod 2024

Welcome to our Diocesan Synod 2024.

The synodal form of governance in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia began in Auckland in 1857 with a General Conference, called by Bishop Selwyn, of Bishops and certain clergy and laity, the first time that a Bishop in the (then) Church of England had shared governance of a Diocese. That conference approved the Constitution for our Church, which Bishop Selwyn had prepared, instituting a new form of Church governance, a synodal structure. The principle of governance by Bishops in Synod is encapsulated in Bishop Selwyn's words:

"It remains then to define by some simple principle the terms of our co-operation. They are simply these; that neither will I act without you, nor can you act without me."

In accordance with the Standing Orders Statute 1972, the Bishop will, no later **than 13th September 2024**, send his summons to you to attend Synod. All Synod papers and communications will be sent electronically. If you know of a Synod representative in your ministry unit who does not have access to email, would you kindly ensure that that representative sees a copy of this letter?

We gather as Synod members:

- To worship together
- To participate in the governance of our Diocese
- To strengthen our Diocesan community through our experience of fellowship and trust

SYNOD ADMINISTRATION

SYNOD MAIL: "Synod 2024", PO BOX 21, HAMILTON, 3240 NEW ZEALAND
TELEPHONE: 64 7 857 0020: Email: admin@wtanglican.nz

Synod 2024 Venue, Dates & Time

▪ Friday	Start-time:	6.30 pm	Friday, 11 th October 2024
▪ Saturday	Start-time:	9.00 am	Saturday, 12 th October 2024
▪ Saturday	Finish-time:	5.00 pm	Saturday, 12 th October 2024

Friday 11th October 2024

5.00 pm – Friday Dinner

Prior to Synods opening service, a meal is available from 5.00 pm in the School Dining Hall.

- **Dinner – If required, please indicate clearly on your registration, including any dietary concerns.**
 - The meal costs \$29.00 per person. **

6.30 pm – SYNOD Opening Service

- Synod convenes in the All-Saints Chapel, at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, Hamilton.
- **All Synod members – please ensure you are seated in the Chapel by 6.15 pm Friday night.**

During this service, Synod 2024 will be formally constituted and the Bishop will give his charge to Synod.

Accommodation and Saturday Breakfast – This Must Be Booked with your registration.

Please bring your own bedding, linen, towels. Each room has a single bed, desk and heater in it.

- Friday night - 5.00 pm – Accommodation
 - Cost \$66.00 per person. **
- Saturday breakfast – 7.30 am – available to those staying over at WDSG.
 - Cost \$12.00 per person. **

Saturday 12th October 2024

9.00 am – Synod 2024

- Please be seated and ready by 8.55 AM start time in the All-Saints Chapel, Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, Hamilton
- Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea
 - Cost \$45.00 per person *
- 5.00 pm – Closing of Synod 2024

Registration

Registration Opens: Monday 2nd September 2024.

Please register online at <https://wtanglican.infoodle.com/f/SynodRegistration2024>

- Only for those without internet access, please print and complete the attached registration form
Email to admin@wtanglican.nz
post it to:

**Waikato & Taranaki Diocesan Office
PO Box 21
Hamilton 3240**

Mark the envelope> **'Synod 2024'**

- Telephone enquiries can be may be made on **(07) 857 0020**

Registrations Close: Sunday, 29th September 2024.

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Attending Synod

Accommodation

It is essential to arrange your accommodation early.

The following is available for those not living locally, or who are un-able to make private arrangements.

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Accommodation at the Waikato Diocesan School for Girls (WDSG) is in their student boarding hostels.

- Friday night - 5.00 pm – Accommodation
 - Cost \$66.00 per person. **
- Saturday breakfast – 7.30 am – available to those staying over at WDSG.
 - Cost \$12.00 per person. **

Please bring your own bedding, linen, towels. Each room has a single bed, desk and heater in it.

The hostel consists of 64 single accommodation rooms, separated into 2 buildings of 32 rooms. Each hostel has 16 ground level and 16 first floor rooms, individually partitioned, sharing a bathroom complex on each floor. Rooms will be allocated to you.

To assist room arrangements, please indicate your decision to stay at the WDSG hostel, on your registration form.

Bookings:

Accommodation at WDSG hostels, must be booked in conjunction with your registration for Synod.

Bookings close: Sunday, 29th September 2024.

Please note:

If you are staying at the above boarding hostels, you will need to bring your own sheets, blankets, pillow, pillowcase and towel – as these are not provided.

Checkout time: 10.00 am Saturday, 12th October 2024

All bags and belongings must be removed from the WDSG boarding hostel prior to 10.00 am, to allow time for cleaning.

Other Accommodation**

If you **do not wish** to stay at Waikato Diocesan School, **arranging, booking and paying for accommodation is your responsibility.**

**Any financial support for that cost is a matter for direct negotiation between you and your ministry unit.

Motel accommodation is available in Hamilton.

Our preferred provider is:

Brooklyn Motor Lodge
42 Brooklyn Road
Hamilton
Telephone (07) 855 0774

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Synod Meals

Special Dietary needs

If you have special dietary needs, please clearly indicate this in the space provided on the registration form.

Breakfast (Saturday morning), will be provided only for those staying at WDSG. Otherwise, breakfast is your own responsibility.

Morning and afternoon teas, and lunch will be provided at the Synod venue on Saturday.

Costs of Attending Synod

The costs of **attending** Synod, with exclusions noted above, are invoiced to your parish or ministry unit.

- ❖ Synod Attendance, including Morning/Afternoon Tea and Lunch.
 - ◆ \$45.00 per person as part of your registration.
- ❖ Friday evening meal
 - ◆ \$29.00 per person – must be booked via registration to attend.
- ❖ Accommodation and Breakfast at WDSG for one night
 - ◆ \$78.00 per person – must be booked via registration to attend

The **running costs for Synod** will be covered by the Diocese.

Pre-Synod Documents

After 27 August, the last date for receipt in the Diocesan Office of Bills, Motions and Reports, members will receive email notice outlining the business for Synod 2024. From Friday 13 September 2024, all pre-Synod documents will be available online, and may be accessed via the website:

<https://www.waikatotaranakianglicans.nz/synod/>

Please note that motions must be accompanied by the name of the mover and the seconder of the motion.

Timeline

Please note the following important dates:

1. **27 August 2024**

Last day for the Secretary to Synod to receive Bills, Motions and Reports.

Please **email the full text** of any motions for Synod **with the names of the mover and the seconder** to manager@wtanglican.nz or post to “Synod 2024 – Waikato Taranaki Diocese” PO Box 21, Hamilton 3240, to arrive by the due date.

2. **13 September 2024**

Summons posted to Synod Members and first documents available online.

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3. **29 September 2024**

Last date to **register** for Synod attendance, **including accommodation bookings for Waikato Diocesan School for Girls** and noting any dietary needs for Synod meals.

4. **29 September 2024**

Last date for receipt of requests for leave of absence.

Such requests must be in writing. Letters should be addressed to your bishop, include your reason for seeking leave of absence and preferably emailed to admin@wtanglican.nz

Please note: Any requests for leave of absence in the last week before the commencement of Synod will result in your parish being invoiced for meals.

Synod Contact Details

Any of the contact methods listed below are available for giving, requesting or accessing information:

1. The Synod email address is admin@wtanglican.nz
This email address will be monitored Monday to Friday.
2. Telephone: 07 857 0020
In the event your call is not answered, you may leave a message on this number.
When leaving a message please:
 1. **Begin with your name and contact number.**
 2. **Leave a short message about the query you have.**
 3. **Conclude your message by repeating your name and contact number**
3. Information will be posted regularly on the Synod website:
<https://www.waikatotaranakianglicans.nz/synod/>
4. Synod mailing address to: **Synod 2024, Waikato & Taranaki Diocese, PO Box 21, Hamilton 3240**

Further information will be provided in accordance with the timeline above.

Many thanks and with blessings

Jennifer

Jennifer Fielden
Synod Administration

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Registration Form – ONLY FOR THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS

If you do not have access to the internet, where online registration is open at <https://wtanglican.infoodle.com/f/SynodRegistration2024>, you are welcome to fill in and post this form to the address below or email it to admin@wtanglican.nz.

If you post this form, please **do not** include payment as Parishes or Ministry units will be invoiced directly.

Name: _____

Parish or Ministry Unit: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

I represent: Clergy Laity

Accommodation: (Tick all applicable options)

- I would like to book B&B accommodation at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls
- I am making my own arrangements
- I would like to have the meal on the Friday night at \$25 per person

Gender (for accommodation): Female Male

Do you have any accessibility requirements?

Catering:

I have the following dietary needs:

- None
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Gluten-free
- Dairy-free
- Diabetic

Other (*please list*): _____

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