A detailed agenda and papers for the first meeting of the 11th General Synod of the Church of England next month have been published.

The newly elected Synod will be formally inaugurated on Tuesday November 16 at the start of a two-day meeting in London – the first full group of sessions held in person since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Items on the agenda include a debate on the wealth gap in the UK and discussions about the future of the Church of England including the recent review of governance, and the development of a new vision and strategy for the Church of England in the 2020s and beyond.

That includes an ambitious goal to double the number of children and young people in churches.

The recent elections attracted a record number of candidates (with 956 standing for the Houses of Clergy and Laity combined) and returned a majority of new members - 60 per cent of those elected.

More information:

- [Read papers for the November 2021 group of sessions](https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/plans-first-meeting-new-general-synod-published)