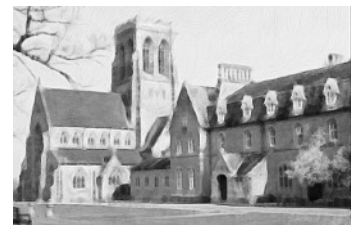




# BELMONT ABBEY SYNOD DAY, December 3, 2022



## Timetable

- 10am Arrivals, registration (allocation to groups), tea and coffee  
10.15 **Welcome:** Abbot Paul Stonham & Louise Wright, chair of Belmont PPC  
10:20 **Talk:** 'The synod on synodality, 2021-24: The road to and from here'  
[Austen Ivereigh] [25 mins & q&a]  
10:45 **Explanation of "spiritual conversation" method [AI] & gathering in groups**

### 11.00-12.15 GROUPS

- 11:00 Moderator/timekeeper introduces. Each person v briefly introduces themselves.  
11:05 **Brief prayer** for an open heart and mind, then 10 minutes of silence to read excerpts from DCS, asking ourselves: *What strikes me in what I read? What brings me hope, or/and makes me fearful?*  
11:15 **Sharing (I):** each person in turn shares (if they want!) up to 2 mins each... Others listen, do not respond;  
11:35 **Silence** (2-3 mins) while each person considers answer to questions:  
(1) *What are the most important questions or issues (one or two!) that should be considered in the next steps of the synod process?*  
(2) *What are we being called to do now in our parishes?*  
11:40 **Sharing (II):** each person shares (up to 2 mins) answer to those questions  
11:55 Silence (2-3 mins)  
11:55-12:05 Discussion / Moderator gathers up "feeling of group"

### MUST FINISH BY 12:10

- 12:10-12:20 **Feedback** to the wider group  
12:20 **Brief responses & next steps:** Austen Ivereigh, Louise Wright, Abbot Paul.

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**Note:** *The relevant documents for this next stage of the synod (the Document for the Continental Stage, summary, FAQs, Infographic, and Diocesan Response Form) can all be read and downloaded at <https://www.belmontparish.org.uk/synod>*

# The Synodal Process

## 2021 - 2024



PROCESS OF LISTENING, ENCOUNTERING, DIALOGUING, DISCERNING

