

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD

NOTICE OF ELECTION – VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE 2025 - 2027

The Vacancy in See Committee is a permanent committee of the synod, with both ex officio and elected members. The latter should be elected early in the life of the new Diocesan Synod, before the existing members of the Committee leave office on 31st December 2024.

The Vacancy in See Committee comprises:

Ex-officio members

- The Suffragan Bishop of Dorking
- The Dean of Guildford Cathedral
- The Archdeacon of Dorking
- The Archdeacon of Surrey
- General Synod Clergy (4)
- General Synod Laity (4)
- Chair of the House of Clergy
- Chair of the House of Laity

Elected Clergy Members and Elected Lay Members

- The number of vacancies in each category will be advised following the election for the Chairs of Houses on 23rd November.

Notice is therefore given that an election will be held to fill the elected places on the Guildford Diocesan Vacancy in See Committee including:

Archdeaconry of Dorking clergy
Archdeaconry of Dorking laity
Archdeaconry of Surrey clergy
Archdeaconry of Surrey laity

The Vacancy in See Committee Regulations 1993 (as amended) require at least two elected clergy and two elected laity, to ensure the Committee is as nearly equal as possible, and that each archdeaconry be adequately represented. As we do not yet know which archdeaconry each of the Chairs of Houses will come from, we will need to wait until after their election on 23rd November 2024 to calculate the precise number of vacancies in each category.

The qualifications of electors and candidates are set out on the enclosed nomination form. **Nominations will close at 12 noon on Monday 25th November 2024.**

Should the number of candidates exceed the number of vacancies in any constituency, a ballot will be held by Single Transferable Vote in accordance with the rules laid down by General Synod, as required by the Regulations. Voting papers will be issued as soon as possible after nominations close.

Following the election, the Bishop's Council will meet to appoint a chair and to consider if it wishes to nominate up to 4 additional members who represent a special interest in the diocese. It will also appoint a Secretary, who shall not be a member of the Committee.

Guildford Diocesan Vacancy in See Committee 2025-2027 (Places by House and Archdeaconry)				
	<i>Clergy</i>	<i>Lay</i>	<i>Surrey</i>	<i>Dorking</i>
<i>Ex officio ViSC</i>				
Bishop of Dorking	1		1	
Dean	1		1	
Archdeacon of Surrey	1		1	
Archdeacon of Dorking	1			1
General Synod Clergy (4):				
	1			1
	1		1	
	1			1
	1			1
General Synod Laity (4):				
		1		1
		1	1	
		1	1	
		1	1	
<i>Chairman House of Clergy</i>	1		tbc	tbc
<i>Chairman House of Laity</i>		1	tbc	tbc
Total Ex Officio	9	5	7/8/9	5/6/7
<i>Elected ViSC Members</i>				
<i>Licensed Clergy</i>				
			tbc	tbc
<i>Laity</i>				
			tbc	tbc
Total Elected	2/3	4/5	2/3/4	6/7/8
Total ViSC Membership	11/12	10/11	9/10/11	9/10/11

Notes

1. The precise arrangement of elected places will be decided after the election of the Chairs of the Houses on 23rd November, but before voting begins, and will be announced on the voting papers. The closing date for nominations to the Vacancy-in-See Committee has been deliberately set after the expected completion of the election of the Chairs of the Houses of Diocesan Synod.
2. Nominations made by the Bishop's Council are not included in the requirements for numerical and representational balance.