**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD**

**BY-ELECTION FOR 1 MEMBER OF THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE 2025 - 2027**

**NOMINATION FORM – CANDIDATE**

**The candidate is asked to complete all sections of this form and the proposer and seconder to complete supporting forms. Forms are available on the diocesan website. Failure to receive supporting forms from an eligible proposer and seconder will deem the nomination invalid. Digital and typed signatures are both acceptable.**

**If the candidate is a clergy person the proposer and seconder must be members of the House of Clergy of Diocesan Synod. If the candidate is a lay person the proposer and seconder must be members of the House of Laity of Diocesan Synod.**  *Please note if the proposer or seconder changes after the candidate form has been submitted, the candidate form will need to be updated with the new details and resubmitted by the candidate.*

**The form is to be returned to the Presiding Officer (**[**synod@cofeguildford.org.uk)**](mailto:synod@cofeguildford.org.uk)**, by the person completing it, i.e. the candidate must complete and return the candidate form, the proposer must complete and return the proposer form and the seconder must complete and return the seconder form, so as to arrive not later than 12 noon on Thursday 9th October 2025. Proposer and seconder forms must be sent from the email address that is registered with the Diocesan Office i.e. the email address to which it was sent.**

**Particulars of Candidate**

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| **Full name including title** |  |
| **Contact phone number** |  |

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| **Benefice/Parish** |  |
| **Office held (if clergy)** |  |
| **I confirm I am on the electoral roll of my parish (if laity) (yes/no)** |  |

**Particulars of Nominators**

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| **Full Name of Proposer** |  |

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| **Full Name of Seconder** |  |

**Consent of Candidate**I hereby declare my consent to stand for election and to serve as a member of the Vacancy in See Committee for the Diocese of Guildford.

In the event of my election I also consent to my email address being shared with members and officers of the Vacancy in See Committee for use only on Vacancy in See Committee business.

Please indicate below whether you have attached a 100-word factual statement supporting your nomination.

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| **Supporting Statement attached (yes/no)** |  |

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| **Signed** |  |
| **Dated** |  |

**ELECTIONS TO THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE**

**Qualifications of Clergy Candidates**

* A clergy candidate must be a Clerk in Holy Orders who is one of the following:

1. beneficed in the diocese;
2. licensed under seal by the bishop of the diocese;

not being an archdeacon or a person in episcopal orders.

**Qualifications of Lay Candidates**

* A lay candidate must be an actual communicant lay person whose name is on the Electoral Roll of a parish in the diocese.

**Benefices and Parishes already represented on the Vacancy in See Committee**The updated Regulations now prevent second or more members being elected from the same benefice as an existing member (elected or ex officio) of the Vacancy in See Committee. For this by-election, no further candidates can stand for election from the following parishes:

**Surrey Archdeaconry**

* Alfold & Loxwood
* Cove
* Farnham
* Guildford Christ Church
* Guildford Holy Trinity
* Guildford St Saviour

**Dorking Archdeaconry**

* Dorking St Martin
* Egham
* North Holmwood
* Woking Christ Church
* Woking St Mary

**Qualifications of Electors**

In the event of an election those entitled to vote are the members of the Houses of Clergy and Laity of the Diocesan Synod, the members of each of which together constitute a single electorate.