



Voluntary Opportunity for Diocesan Synod Representative (DAC)

The York Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC) would like to hear from members of the Diocesan Synod who have the time to serve as a member of the DAC.

Most of the churches in the Diocese of York are listed buildings and part of the nation's heritage. Changes to church buildings, their settings and their contents are managed by a statutory planning system of which our committee is an integral part. The DAC advises on works to parish churches across the diocese and it is our duty and privilege to work with local communities to care for them and make sure that they are fit for purpose.

The role of the DAC is to advise the Diocesan Chancellor on proposals relating to the conservation, alteration and appropriate development of church buildings and churchyards. To that end, the Committee comprises specialist advisers (Bells, Heating, Organs, Stained glass etc) and members nominated by Historic England, the National Amenity Societies and Local Authorities.

However, the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 also imposes a duty on DAC members and advisers to have regard to a church's purpose: *"A person carrying out functions of care and conservation under this Measure ... must have due regard to the role of a church as a local centre of worship and mission"*.

Therefore, the DAC also includes two Diocesan Synod representatives, our three Archdeacons and, to ensure a balance between clergy and laity and across the three archdeaconries where possible, three clergy members (one from each archdeaconry) and three lay members (one from each archdeaconry).

We welcome applications for the role of Diocesan Synod Representative from those who can commit to taking part in DAC meetings as well as undertaking occasional site visits. Faculty petitions are submitted by parishes through the Online Faculty System. Members are expected to attend DAC meetings held 9 times a year to consider those applications (via Zoom at present though eventually we hope to revert to holding meetings at the Diocesan Office in York). The roles are voluntary but travel expenses will be paid.

More information can be found on our website [HERE](#). To express your interest, please email Catherine Copp, DAC Secretary, by 8th December 2021 (catherine.copp@yorkdiocese.org), briefly stating why you are interested and what skills you would bring to the DAC.

