



Get involved:

# Stand for Diocesan Synod

Could you, or someone you know, stand for Synod in 2024 and make a difference? You don't have to be a member of a PCC or Deanery Synod to stand.

The York Diocesan Synod is the representative governing body of the Diocese of York. Its members—lay people, priests and bishops—work together to take forward the mission and ministry of the Church of England in this diocese and make decisions about our common future.

To this end, every deanery in the Diocese is asked, every three years, to elect new members to the Diocesan Synod to serve a three year term.

This triennium comes at a pivotal moment as we seek to move forward together in Living Christ's Story and becoming Missionary Disciples.

Ideally Diocesan Synod's membership will reflect the breadth and diversity of membership in the parishes of the Diocese of York as it discusses, tests and refines our strategy, proposals and plans.

Synod usually meets three times each year; at least one meeting is 'in person' with the other two online.

## Diocesan Synod 2024 Elections Timetable

- 16 May: Presiding Officers to issue nomination papers
- 10 June: Closing date for Nominations
- 17 June: Voting papers out
- 10 July: Voting closes
- 13 July: Results back to Diocesan Synod Secretary and candidates



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## Where do the Archbishop's Council and DBF fit in?

Later in the year the new Synod members will elect from among themselves those who, with the Bishops and Archdeacons, will form the Archbishop's Council. This is also the Board of Directors of the York Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF), a charitable company responsible for managing the Diocesan Common Fund and our investments, maintaining parsonage houses and many other duties, and the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee whose responsibilities include making the best possible provision for the cure of souls in the diocese.

If you would like to be involved in the strategic decision making processes that help to shape our life as a diocese, please consider standing for election to both Synod and Council.

## Is there anything else that I should be aware of?

Those elected to the Diocesan Synod will also be members (but not trustees or directors) of the Diocesan Board of Finance. In practice this means that they will be responsible for appointing the Directors (the members of the Archbishop's Council) and holding them accountable for their actions.

Members' names and addresses are held on the company register and, in the unlikely event that the diocese were ever to become insolvent, would have a liability to contribute £1 towards the costs of winding the company up.

Members occupy a pivotal role not only in taking decisions but also ensuring good quality communication throughout the Diocese.

Practically this means that members' responsibilities also include:

- Keeping Deanery Synods informed of diocesan policies, discussions and decisions.
- Keeping informed through Deanery Synods of opinions and events in parishes.
- Discussing matters raised by Deanery Synods and Parochial Church Councils.

For their period of office, members of Diocesan Synod are also ex officio members of their Deanery Synod and PCC, which implies a further commitment of time above and beyond the meetings of Diocesan Synod itself.