

**The Consecration of Women to the Episcopate
REFERENCE
of Draft Legislation to the Diocesan Synods
2010**

VOTING RESULTS

Please complete: Diocese of ROCHESTER

	Bishops	Clergy	Laity
For	2	36	34
Against	0	12	11
Abstentions	0	0	2

The motion was carried/~~lost~~.

THE BISHOP

Under the Church Representation Rules rule 34(1)(j) the Bishop has the right to require that his opinion on any question be recorded in the minutes. If the Bishop's opinion was so recorded please reproduce the relevant extract of the minutes below:

No request was made.

REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

Only the result of the voting on the main motion should be recorded on this form. Details of any further motions together with voting results in respect of them should be recorded separately. This form should reach the Clerk to the Synod no later than **5pm on Monday 14 November 2011** and should be posted to:

The Clerk to the Synod
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VOTING RESULTS ON FOLLOWING MOTIONS

Diocese of Rochester

'That this Synod,

- 1. desires that all faithful Anglicans remain and thrive together in the Church of England and therefore*
- 2. desires the Diocesan Synod to call upon the House of Bishops to bring forward amendments to the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure to ensure that those unable on theological grounds to accept the ministry of women bishops are able to receive oversight from a bishop with authority conferred by the Measure (i.e. ordinary jurisdiction) rather than by delegation from a Diocesan Bishop'.*

	Bishops	Clergy	Laity
For	0	10	13
Against	0	31	32
Abstentions	2	8	3

The motion was lost.

'That this Synod expresses the hope that the House of Bishops will bring forward proposals which will meet the legitimate needs of those opposed in conscience to the ordination of women to the episcopate, so that they may remain fully part of the Church of England.'

	Bishops	Clergy	Laity
For	1	18	20
Against	0	26	17
Abstentions	1	5	10

The motion was lost.

Deanery Voting on the Consecration of Women to the Episcopate

The Motion

"That this Synod approve the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and Draft Amending Canon No 30."

Deanery	House of Clergy			House of Laity		
	For	Against	Abstain	For	Against	Abstain
Beckenham	6	4	0	20	9	2
Bromley	13	4	1	23	8	2
Cobham	6	0	1	9	0	4
Dartford ¹	4	2	0	11	4	1
Erith	10	3	0	21	5	3
Gillingham ²						
Gravesend	6	2	0	19	4	0
Malling	10	0	0	18	2	0
Orpington ³						
Paddock Wood	8	0	2	19	0	1
Rochester	9	0	0	13	0	1
Sevenoaks	7	3	0	20	19	1
Shoreham	6	2	0	17	2	2
Sidcup	8	2	0	15	4	2
Strood	4	3	0	10	5	0
Tonbridge	9	1	3	16	2	5
Tunbridge Wells	13	3	0	25	4	0

NOTES:

1. **Dartford Vote** – Anxiety was expressed over what the provision (and a strong desire to see adequate provision) might be for those clergy and congregations not able to accept the ministry of a woman bishop.
2. **Gillingham Vote** – 15 for, 2 against and 6 abstentions. It should be noted that this was a vote by the whole synod.
3. **Orpington Vote** – 12 for and 12 against. It should be noted that this was a vote by the whole synod rather than by houses since the house of clergy was inquorate. As such it should be taken as advisory only. Since opinion was evenly divided after synod members had had considerable information and opportunity for debate it was decided that it was not worth convening a special meeting to pursue the matter further.