

**FRONT OF NOMINATION PAPER**  
**DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER**

To be returned to the Presiding Officer at Diocesan Office, St Nicholas Church, Boley Hill, Rochester, ME1 1SL, so as to reach him **not later than 12 noon on Monday 3 March 2025**. Nominations may be delivered by post or in person.

**ELECTION OF ONE (1) PROCTOR IN CONVOCATION  
TO REPRESENT THE DIOCESE IN THE GENERAL SYNOD**

(please write in BLOCK CAPITALS)

**PARTICULARS OF CANDIDATE**

Surname .....

Full Christian names .....

Title or preferred style .....

Address.....

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Postcode .....

Email .....

Office/benefice/licence/permission/membership of deanery synod held .....

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Year of birth .....

Have you previously served as a member of the General Synod? Please indicate by putting a cross in the appropriate box:    Yes             No

If yes, please give dates of previous service and the House to which you belonged:

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**PARTICULARS OF PROPOSER**

Full Name of proposer .....

Address.....

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Member of..... deanery synod

**Signature of proposer**

I, the undersigned, being a qualified elector in the diocese of Rochester, hereby nominate the above candidate as a person qualified to serve as a proctor for the clergy for the said diocese.

Signature of proposer ..... Date ..... 2025

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**PARTICULARS OF SECONDER**

Full Name of seconder.....

Address.....

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Member of..... deanery synod

**Signature of seconder**

I, the undersigned, being a qualified elector in the diocese of Rochester, second the above nomination.

Signature of seconder ..... Date ..... 2025

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**CONSENT OF CANDIDATE**

I hereby declare my consent to stand for election and to serve as a proctor in Convocation for the Diocese of Rochester.

Signature of candidate ..... Date ..... 2025

**For qualifications and details of electoral addresses see accompanying notes.**

## BACK OF NOMINATION FORM

### Qualifications of Candidates

1. A candidate must be an ordained priest or deacon who is one of the following:
  - (a) a qualified elector (see paragraphs 3 and 4 below) in the diocese (excluding all assistant bishops);
  - (b) a person who would be a qualified elector if he or she had been a member of a deanery synod in the diocese (i.e. a priest or deacon holding written permission from the bishop to officiate within the diocese);
  - (c) a person qualified to vote in the Universities and TEIs constituency who:
    - (i) would be qualified as a diocesan elector (see paragraphs 3 and 4 below) but for the fact that he or she is not qualified to vote in that constituency,
    - (ii) is beneficed in, or licensed to, any parish in the diocese or area or is licensed to serve as a vicar in a team ministry in any benefice in the diocese or area; and
    - (iii) has elected to stand in the diocesan election rather than in the election to the universities and TEIs constituency.
2. A candidate must not be the holder of a paid office or employment to which one of the following central bodies may make or confirm an appointment:
  - the General Synod the Church Commissioners\*
  - the Convocations the Church of England Pensions Board
  - the Corporation of Church House
  - the Archbishops' Council

\*(A Church Commissioner in receipt of a salary or other emolument is not so disqualified.)

### Qualification of Proposers and Seconders

3. Proposers and seconders must be electors qualified as such at 6.00 a.m. on Monday 3 February 2025. A bishop, priest or deacon is a qualified elector (subject to the exceptions in paragraph 4 below) if in one of the following categories:
  - (a) assistant bishops in the diocese (but not members of the house of bishops of the diocesan synod);
  - (b) archdeacons of the diocese;
  - (c) beneficed clergy of the diocese;
  - (d) clergy holding office in a cathedral in the diocese;
  - (e) clergy licensed under seal by the bishop of the diocese (including any clergy resident outside the diocese but holding licence of the bishop of that diocese); and
  - (f) clergy with permission to officiate who are members of a deanery synod of the diocese.
4. The following are not qualified electors:
  - (a) suffragan and other bishops who are members of the house of bishops of the diocesan synod;
  - (b) the dean of any cathedral in the diocese;
  - (c) all Forces chaplains;
  - (d) the Chaplain-General of Prisons;
  - (e) electors in the universities and TEIs constituency; and
  - (f) members of religious communities.

Any candidate may request the presiding officer to despatch an election address (consisting of not more than one sheet of A4 paper, which may be printed on both sides) from that candidate to every elector in the diocese. Election addresses will be sent by the presiding officer to the electors with the voting papers. If any candidate wishes to send an election address, one original copy (suitable for photocopying) must be provided by the candidate at the candidate's own expense. This must either be delivered to the presiding officer at the address overleaf or sent by e-mail to: [elections@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:elections@rochester.anglican.org) and received by the presiding officer by 12 noon on Monday 10 March 2025. The presiding officer is under no obligation to circulate addresses received after the due date or which are not in the prescribed form.

The Diocese, in the matter of travelling expenses, subsistence, loss of earnings and any other allowances, will pay in accordance with General Synod guidelines (enclosed).