

GENERAL SYNOD 2021-2026

A vacancy has arisen for a clergy representative (known as "Proctors") on General Synod for Rochester Diocese, and we are therefore seeking nominations to fill that seat for the remainder of the current term of office.

Any member of clergy who holds an ecclesiastical office in the Diocese or Cathedral, or who has PTO and is a member of their Deanery Synod, is eligible to be nominated. Clergy representatives are elected by their peers, ie other clergy persons in the Diocese.

Enclosed are various papers, that will give you more detail about the work of the General Synod.

If you know of anyone who might be eligible to serve on General Synod but who will not have received this document, please encourage them to read the enclosed material and then contact Suzanne Rogers at the Diocesan Office to either obtain a personalised code (if they have email) or a nomination form (if they do not) to enable them to submit their details.

Nominations

Please read carefully the documents which outline the qualifications of candidates, of those proposing and seconding them and of the electors.

If you would like to stand for election you are invited to make your nomination by completing the enclosed nomination form and returning it to the Presiding Officer at the address below. Your details will then be uploaded to the Elections Portal by the Diocesan Elections Registration Officer.

You will need to provide the names and contact details of two qualified electors who are willing to act as your proposer and a seconder as part of that process. They will then be contacted to confirm their agreement to the nomination.

Completed nominations must be submitted no later than **12noon on Monday 3 March 2025.**

Election Addresses

At the request of any candidate, election addresses equivalent to not more than one sheet of A4 paper, but no other material, will be made available to all the electors together with the Voting instructions.

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Candidates should provide an election address, if desired, by no later than **12noon** on **Monday 10 March 2025**. The Presiding Officer is under no obligation to agree to the circulation of addresses received after the due date or which are not in the prescribed form. We would advise that election addresses are submitted at the same time as you complete your nomination.

Ballot

The electronic ballot will open on **14 March 2025** and Close on **4 April 2025**.

Thank you for taking time to consider this important role in the life of the Diocese and the Church of England.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Girt (Diocesan Secretary)
Presiding Officer

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