

## What is the Diocesan Synod?

The Diocesan Synod is the 'parliament' of the Diocese, with over 100 members drawn from all 11 deaneries. Diocesan Synod works to fulfil the Diocesan Mission Purpose by:

- Testing and approving the strategy and direction of the Diocese to ensure that all parts of the Diocese are supported and enabled to achieve the Mission Purpose.
- Bringing people together from across the Diocese to share ideas and experience.
- Representing the people and churches of the Diocese on subjects affecting diocesan life.

Over the last three years Diocesan Synod has discussed matters such as Living in Love and Faith, the Parish Giving Scheme, Eco Diocese, safeguarding culture, the Growth Strategy and the review of the Parish Share system, as well as approving the annual DBF budget and financial statements.

The Bishop of Coventry is President of the Synod, and works with the elected Chairs of the House of Clergy and House of Laity. The majority of members are elected from the Deanery Synods; others are nominated by the Bishop, or co-opted by the Synod. The Bishops, Archdeacons and General Synod representatives are present as 'ex-officio' members.

## A note from Bishop Christopher

Thank you for considering becoming a member of the Diocesan Synod for the coming triennium.



This is an important part of the life of the Church. The Synod brings together people from different parts of the Diocese, with different dimensions, so that together we can carry the Diocese forward into the next phase of its life.

The Synod has much to do over the next three years to support the Diocese of Coventry's mission purpose to 'worship God, make new disciples and transform communities. In the evolving life and culture of our country, there are challenges which call for serious Christian engagement, and with your help and support as a member of the Synod, we can play our part in making the Christian voice better heard to serve our nation and to shape its life.

Yours in Christ  
+Christopher

## Who needs to be elected?

The Diocesan Synod must be represented by both clergy and laity

- The number of clergy is related to the number of clergy members in each Deanery Synod.
- The number of laity is related to the total number of people on parish electoral rolls in each deanery.
- Chairs of the House of Clergy and the House of laity are also elected at the start of the Triennium.
- Diocesan Synod members are nominated and elected by the members of deanery synods.

### Like to know more?

For more information please contact  
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## What's the commitment of a member?

- The Synod meet three times a year in March, June and November.
- March and June are evening meetings, with the November meeting taking place during Saturday daytime.
- The meeting is a mixture of worship, prayer, presentations, debates and discussions.
- 6 weeks before the meeting the agenda and papers to be covered in the meeting will be sent to you, therefore some preparation reading is required.
- This is a three year commitment. Membership runs from 1 August 2021 until 31 July 2024.

*“Being on Synod is interesting; you get to be involved in decision making about diocesan strategies and activities. It's important to feed back to parishes what is happening and take the concerns about parish life to the Diocese.”*  
Synod Member