



# Vacancy in See Committee

The Vacancy in See Committee is a standing committee of Diocesan Synod and is always in existence. However, the Committee only becomes active should there be a vacancy in the See of Coventry - ie. when a new Bishop of Coventry needs to be selected. There is a casual vacancy for one elected lay member.

## About the Committee

The Vacancy in See Committee has two key tasks in the event of a vacancy:

- To write a Statement of Needs for the diocese (a document similar to a parish profile). The Statement of Needs is drafted following considerable consultation across the diocese, engaging as many people as possible.
- To elect diocesan representatives to the Crown Nominations Commission, the body who shortlist and interview prospective Bishops.

## What is the commitment?

The Committee needs to be in existence at all times but only meets should there be a vacancy. Membership runs from the date of appointment until 31 December 2027.

## Who needs to be elected?

One lay member, elected by Diocesan Synod.

## Who can be elected?

- Lay individuals who are actual communicants on the electoral roll of a parish within the Diocese of Coventry. You do not need to be a diocesan synod or deanery synod member.
- A person may not be elected to this casual vacancy if an existing committee member has a relevant connection with the same parish. This restriction has been approved by General Synod in order to wider representation.
- Candidates must be proposed and seconded by current diocesan synod members (clergy or laity)

## Interested?

Complete the [nomination form](#) and send to [elections@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:elections@coventry.anglican.org) by **1pm on Thurs 26 Feb**. Nominations must be proposed and seconded by diocesan synod members