

VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE



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COVENTRY

2025 - 2027

What is the 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 when there is a vacancy in the See of Coventry – ie. when a new Bishop of Coventry needs to be selected.

What do the Committee do?

The Committee have two key tasks:

- 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, with the aim of engaging as many people as possible.
- To elect the six diocesan representatives to the Crown Nominations Commission. The CNC are the body who shortlist and interview during a vacancy, to discern which nominee should be nominated to be the next Bishop of Coventry.

What is the commitment?

- While the Committee needs to be in existence at all times it only meets when there is a vacancy.
- Membership runs from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027.
- If the Committee has begun work on a vacancy by December 2027 it will continue until the work is complete

Note – the 2023/2024 Vacancy in See process will be completed by the current committee members.

Who needs to be elected?

Diocesan Synod elect:

- Three clergy licensed or beneficed in the Diocese
- Seven communicant lay people who are on an electoral roll of a parish within the Diocese

How do I apply?

Nominees must be proposed and seconded by Diocesan Synod members of the same house (ie. clergy nominate clergy, laity nominate laity). Nominees do not themselves need to be Diocesan Synod members.

Nomination forms are available from [the diocesan website](#)

Nominations are open from Mon 4 Nov to Tues 19 Nov

Completed nomination forms should be returned to elections@coventry.anglican.org by 1pm on **Tues 19 November 2024**

Need more info?

Contact elections@coventry.anglican.org