



Interested in being a member of Coventry Diocesan Synod?

Information for possible members

What is the Diocesan Synod?

The Diocesan Synod is a group of clergy and lay people from across the Diocese of Coventry, which comes together to share ideas, experience and to approve strategies to take the Church forwards:

- Members of Diocesan Synod discuss and debate important issues affecting the Diocese and wider National Church of England. Members approve the Diocesan Board of Finance budget and receive the Annual Report and Financial Statement. The Diocesan Synod is also the body which agrees the remit and membership of important committees including the Bishop's Council which acts as the standing committee for the synod and is also the Board of Directors for the Diocesan Board of Finance and the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee. The Diocesan Synod also establishes other committees as necessary. The majority of members of these committees must be members of synod.
- The Synod is chaired by the Bishop of Coventry who is President of the Synod, and also led by the Chair of the House of Clergy and the Chair of the House of Laity.
- The majority of the members are elected from the Deanery Synods.
- The Bishops, Archdeacons and General Synod representatives are present as 'ex-officio' members.
- The Synod has a maximum of 130 members, with a slight majority of lay members.

Who needs to be elected?

The Diocesan Synod is made up of representatives of the clergy and laity from each deanery.

- The number of clergy relates to the number of clergy members in each deanery.
- The number of laity relates to the total number of people on the parish electoral roll in each deanery.

What's the commitment of a member?

- The Synod meet three times a year in March, June and November.
- The meetings in March and November are on a Saturday morning, the June meeting is in the evening, usually with a meal.
- The meeting is a mixture of worship, prayer, presentations, debates and discussions.
- 3 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 is from 1st August 2018 and will last until 31 July 2021.

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 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 hope the Christian voice will be heard to serve our nation and to shape its life.

Yours in Christ
+Christopher

“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

Like to know more?

For more information of membership to the Diocesan Synod, please feel free to call Jo Swain
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