



DIOCESE OF LONDON VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE 2024 ELECTIONS

Following the election of a new Diocesan Synod, members of Synod are required to elect representatives to the Vacancy in See Committee. The Vacancy in See Committee meets when there is a vacancy in the See of London, i.e. the post of Bishop of London has become vacant. The Committee prepares a statement of the needs of the Diocese for consideration by the Crown Nominations Commission of the General Synod, and appoints a number of its members to represent the Diocese on the Commission.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE

The election of members of the Vacancy in See Committee of the Diocese of London will be held on Tuesday 3 December 2024. (See overleaf for the full election timetable). **4 clerical and 13 lay places are available.** Due to the archdeaconry spread of the Committee's ex-officio membership, and the requirement for there to be a minimum representation per archdeaconry of 1 cleric and 1 lay person a constraint is likely to have to be applied in this case to ensure that **1 lay person from the Archdeaconry of Hampstead is elected.**

- Candidates:

Any cleric beneficed in the Diocese or licensed under seal by the Bishop of London or an Area Bishop is eligible for election by members of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod, except that no archdeacon and no person in Episcopal orders is eligible to be elected in this election.

Any lay person who is an actual communicant* (within the meaning of the Church Representation Rules) who is aged 16 or over and— (a) whose name is on the roll of a parish in the diocese, (b) whose name is on the community roll of the cathedral church of the diocese which is not a parish church, (c) who, in a case where the area of the diocese includes Westminster Abbey, is declared by the dean to be a habitual worshipper, or (d) who is declared by the leader of a mission initiative in the diocese to be part of the worshipping community involved in the initiative - is eligible for election by the House of Laity and the House of Clergy of the Diocesan Synod.

- Note that voting (if required) involves both the House of Clergy and the House of Laity for the election of both clerical and lay candidates. This means that clergy, as well as voting for clergy, can also vote for laity, and vice versa.

However, with regard to the nomination stage of the election, this takes place within the respective Houses. Therefore, clerical candidates must be proposed and seconded only by members of the House of Clergy, and lay candidates, only by members of the House of Laity.

The enclosed form must be used. Additional forms can be obtained from the Presiding Officer, 36 Causton Street, London SW1P 4AU; telephone the Governance Department on 020 7932 1228 or e-mail governance@london.anglican.org.

The election will be decided by the Single Transferable Vote.

Nomination Forms must be received by no later than **Noon on Monday 4 November 2024.**

October 2024

Stuart Jones, Presiding Officer

Timetable

Issue of Notice of Election and Nomination Forms	Thursday 3 October
Closing Date for Return of Nomination Forms	Monday 4 November (noon)
Issue of Voting Papers	Thursday 7 November
Closing Date for Return of Voting Papers	Monday 2 December (noon)
Count	Tuesday 3 December

Composition of the Vacancy in See Committee:

- (a) The Area and other Suffragan bishops (6 seats)
- (b) The Dean of St Paul's (or, if unable to serve, a member of the Chapter not already a member of the Committee) (1 seat)
- (c) Two Archdeacons (elected by and from the archdeacons of the Diocese) (2 seats)
- (d) The proctors elected by the Diocese or from a university or theological education institution in the Diocese to the Lower House of Convocation of the General Synod (currently 11 seats)
- (e) The members of the House of Laity of the General Synod elected by the Diocese (currently 11 seats)
- (f) The Chairs of the House of Clergy and of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod (2 seats)
- (g) Elected membership: 4 clerical and 13 lay (total: 17 seats)
- (h) Up to 4 nominations by the Bishop's Council

NOTE: NOMINATION FORMS

- Candidates are advised to return their nomination forms **well before the deadline**. It may not be possible to resolve issues that arise (e.g. typically unsigned or incorrectly signed forms, ineligible electors), if a form has been received close to the deadline.
- Note that the methods by which nomination forms are passed for completion between the candidate, and the candidate's proposer and seconder may include the use of email: A form may be sent to a proposer/seconder as a scanned email attachment, **printed out** by the proposer/seconder, completed **and signed**. The form is then returned as a scanned email attachment.
- **All signatures on the nomination forms must be handwritten, whether forms are being emailed, posted or returned in person.**
- All nomination **forms are acknowledged** when received. If you do not receive an acknowledgement please check whether your form has been safely received.

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Church Representation Rule 83(2)

In these Rules, 'actual communicant' means a person –

- (a) who has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or a Church in communion with it at least three times during the 12 months preceding the date of the person becoming a member of a body the eligibility for membership of which depends on a person being an actual communicant, and
- (b) who either is confirmed or ready and desirous of being confirmed or is receiving Communion as referred to in paragraph 1(b) of Canon B 15A (communicant members of other Churches subscribing to doctrine of Holy Trinity).