

Casual Clergy Election to General Synod 2017

With the resignations of Canon Anna Norman-Walker and Canon Andrew Godsall, 2 casual clergy vacancies have arisen on General Synod. The Synod is part way through its 5 year term and the vacancies are for places that will be held until the next full election in 2020.

Any serving clergy (with a small number of exceptions that are separately provided for) or clergy with Permission to Officiate can stand for election. The anticipated timetable for the elections in the Diocese of Exeter is that nominations will be invited from Monday 6th November 2017 and the nomination period will close on Tuesday 5th December. Voting opens on Tuesday 19th December and closes on Monday 15th January.

The General Synod meets each year for up to five days (usually fewer) in February in London and over a long weekend in July at the University of York. November meetings are only called if business requires it (up to three weekdays in London). The first 'group of sessions' that successful candidates may attend is therefore from 8th to 10th February 2018.

Qualifications of Clergy Electors, Proposers and Seconders

Proposers and seconders for the clergy must be electors qualified as such at 6.00 a.m. on Monday 16th October 2017. A bishop, priest or deacon is a qualified elector (**subject to the exceptions below**) if in one of the following categories:

- (i) Assistant bishops in the diocese but **NOT** members of the house of bishops of the diocesan synod;
- (ii) Archdeacons of the diocese;
- (iii) Beneficed clergy of the diocese;
- (iv) Clergy holding office in the cathedral;
- (v) [...];
- (vi) Clergy licensed under seal by the bishop of the diocese (**including** any clergy resident outside the diocese but holding licence of the bishop of that diocese);
- (vii) Clergy with permission to officiate who are members of a deanery synod of the diocese.

The following are **not** qualified electors: suffragan and other bishops who are members of the house of bishops of the diocesan synod, the dean of any cathedral church in the diocese, all Forces Chaplains, the Chaplain-General of Prisons, electors in the Universities and Theological Education Institutions constituency and members of Religious Communities.

Candidates need to find a proposer and seconder from among those qualified to be electors.

Nomination papers will be sent directly to those eligible to vote on Monday 6th November. The diocesan office will also be able to provide you with nomination papers if you are not yourself an elector. If you are not an elector and would like to request a nomination form, or if you are an elector and would like to receive your nomination paper electronically rather than by post, please e-mail gselections@exeter.anglican.org The Presiding Officer can also be contacted by post at The Old Deanery, The Cloisters, Exeter EX1 1HS.

If you require any further help, please feel free to contact synod@exeter.anglican.org