



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN SYNOD (DS)

Diocesan Synod Board/Council and Committee Members 2024-2027

1. **Chair of the House of Clergy (from 16 November 2024)**

The Revd Toby Crowe

2. **Chair of the House of Laity (from 16 November 2024)**

Mr Anesu Muyambi

3. **Bishop's Council (from 1 January 2025)**

Ex-Officio Members

The Bishop of Birmingham
The Suffragan Bishop of Aston
Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance

The Dean of Birmingham
The Archdeacon of Aston
The Archdeacon of Birmingham

Chair of the Diocesan Synod House of Clergy
Chair of the Diocesan Synod House of Laity

**Elected by Diocesan Synod
Clergy**

The Revd Bekah Clark
The Revd Dr Sarah Hayes

The Revd Geoff Lanham
The Revd Canon Louise Shaw

The Revd Canon Bamidele Sotonwa
The Revd Dr Katie Stock

Laity

Mr Ian Butler
Mr Jonathan Goll
Mrs Deirdre Moll
Mr Matt Vaughan

Dr Chisom Eliakim-Ikechukwu
Ms Julia Howl
Ms Chrissie Price

Mr Nick Forknell
Mr Paul Martin
Mr Ian Thorley

General Synod Laity Nominee

Mr Guy Hordern

4. **Board of Education (1 January 2025)**

The Bishop:

The Bishop of Birmingham

Chair:

The Dean of Birmingham

Elected by Diocesan Synod

The Revd Sebrina Blackstock-Miller
The Revd Rachel Heathfield

Ms Elisabeth Higgs
Ms Jill Rattle

Bishop's Nominees

The Revd Beccy Allen
The Revd Ann Richardson

Mr Geoff Harley-Mason
Mrs Jill Saunders

Mr Anesu Muyambi

Co-opted Members:

Mr Mark Carr
Ms Devina Shryane

Mr Matt Edwards
Ms Sonia Thompson



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5. **Birmingham Diocesan Trust (from 1 January 2025)**

Elected by Diocesan Synod

Laity

Mr Ian Butler
Ms Pauline Weaver

Mr Timothy Cuthbertson

Mr Peter Johnson

Bishop's Nominees

The Archdeacon of Aston
Mrs Sarah Smith

The Archdeacon of Birmingham

6. **Vacancy in See Committee (from 1 January 2025)**

Ex-Officio Members

House of Bishops

The Suffragan Bishop of Aston

The Dean of the Cathedral

The Dean of Birmingham

Proctors In Convocation

The Revd Philip Calvert (Birmingham)
The Revd Douglas Machiridza (Birmingham)
The Revd Emma Sykes (Aston)

Proctor in Convocation/Chair House of Clergy

The Revd Toby Crowe

**Elected by Diocesan Synod
Clergy**

The Revd Geoff Lanham (Aston)

Two Archdeacons

The Archdeacon of Aston
The Archdeacon of Birmingham

General Synod House of Laity

Mrs Dawn Brathwaite (Birmingham)
Mr Guy Hordern (Birmingham)
Dr Rachel Jepson (Birmingham)

Chair House of Laity

Mr Anesu Muyambi (Birmingham)

Laity

Mrs Pat Brown-Richards (Birmingham)
Mr Ian Butler (Birmingham)
Mrs Deirdre Moll (Aston)
Mr Steven Skakel (Birmingham)
Mr Matt Vaughan (Aston)

7. **Finance, Investment & Property Sub-Committee (FIPS) (from 1 January 2025)**

Ex-Officio Members

The Bishop of Birmingham
The Suffragan Bishop of Aston
Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance

The Archdeacon of Aston
The Archdeacon of Birmingham

Clergy Members of the Bishop's Council

The Revd Bamidele Sotonwa
The Revd Dr Sarah Hayes

Lay Members of the Bishop's Council

Mr Jonathan Goll

Appointed by Bishop's Council

Mr Tony Jemmett
Mr Michael Hastilow

The Revd Mike Sermon
Mr Peter Fowles

The Revd Emma Sykes
The Revd Laura Ward