

Role description for a Deanery Synod Representative

Role: To represent the parish of All Saints at Deanery Synod, and to report back from the Deanery Synod to the PCC

(This role description must be read in conjunction with any guidelines and rulings issued by the Church of England regarding Deanery Synod representatives)

Role Requirements:

To be:

To be a person of integrity, called by God and approved by All Saints church, who represents the parish of All Saints in a gracious, Christ-like manner; and who treats each member of the Deanery Synod with respect and dignity, as a unique individual created in the image of God.

To do:

- To be elected as one of 3 Deanery Synod representatives, for one year, by the All Saints PCC; and to automatically be an ex -officio PCC member during that time. (Deanery Synod membership changes on a 3 year cycle, from 2020 onwards)
- To attend the 3 meetings of the Deanery Synod each year, and report back to the PCC
- To attend PCC meetings during the term of office
- To be prepared to canvas opinions from the congregation, and through the PCC to feedback to the Deanery Synod
- To be fully involved in the work of the Deanery Synod, which considers all aspects of church life: initiatives being referred to it from the national church; diocesan issues over priorities of work; sharing of information on the life of the church at a local level; making decisions on key policies affecting the Church in the Deanery
- To take part in the election of General Synod members – Deanery Synod members elect the diocesan members of General Synod’s House of Laity once every five years, using a single transferable vote. If an election takes place during their term, representatives should take the time to understand the views and abilities of the candidates, for example by attending hustings; and should also canvas opinions from the congregation and PCC before deciding how to rank the candidates when voting
- To attend an annual PCC Day Away for support and supervision by the Incumbent (or two annual half days)

Reports to: The Incumbent

Agreement:

I agree to being a Deanery Synod Representative at All Saints Church, under the supervision of the Incumbent.

I agree to read and adhere to all aspects of the All Saints Safeguarding Policy, including recruitment and training requirements:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/PromotingSaferChurchWeb.pdf>

I agree to read and adhere to the Church of England’s Parish Safeguarding Handbook:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>

Name (print and sign): _____

Incumbent: _____

Date: _____

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