

General Synod Briefing 2024

The General Synod is the national ‘parliament’ of the Church of England, and usually meets twice a year for 4 days to debate, pray about and vote on all kinds of matters that affect the life of the Anglican Church in our country, including right here in Canterbury Diocese.

Out of the 478 voting members, 7 are from Canterbury Diocese, 6 of whom are elected by those on Deanery Synods:

1	House of Bishops	The Very Rev’d Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover
3	House of Clergy	The Rev’d Barney de Berry, Canterbury Deanery The Ven Darren Miller, Archdeacon of Ashford The Rev’d Rachel Webbley, Reculver Deanery
3	House of Laity	Mr David Kemp, Reculver Deanery Mr Neil Logan-Green, Canterbury Deanery Professor Catherine Richardson, Ospringe Deanery

All papers are available publicly on the Church of England website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/general-synod/groups-sessions-information/general-synod-july-2024>

Proceedings are available to view on on Youtube: e.g.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLujozTIAEI> and each morning, afternoon or evening has a different link. Links are available on the Church of England website.

General Synod can seem quite strange to start with but is basically structured as a way of chairing a meeting of 478 people and allowing everyone to participate – some of whom are participating on the zoom platform!

If you have any questions for your general synod representatives, please do make contact with us via the Diocesan Secretary, Iain Blythe.

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