

COULD YOU REPRESENT YOUR PARISH AND DEANERY AT DIOCESAN SYNOD?

Diocesan Synod is an important part of the structure and culture of the whole Church of England. Its meetings are concerned with seeking God's will for the mission and ministry of the church where you are. Could you bring your unique skills and gifts to this Christ-centred, prayerful role?



SYNOD (NOUN): AN ASSEMBLY OF CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES, PART OF CHRISTIAN PRACTICE SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, THEY ARE NOW A STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY, BORNE BY ALL MEMBERS OF ALL CHURCHES. THESE ASSEMBLIES INTEGRATE THE CALLINGS AND VOCATIONS OF THE LAY AND ORDAINED PEOPLE OF GOD. SYNOD IS WHERE STUFF GETS DONE.

Could you help be the change for the Church of England across Worcestershire and Dudley as we seek to grow as Kingdom People, worshipping God creatively, making disciples, sharing hope, and transforming communities?

Being elected to diocesan synod means representing the mission and ministry of your parish and deanery in a diocesan context.

- Are you **keen to see our church thrive** across the diocese, having a desire to see our churches become more healthy and sustainable?
- Do you have an ability to **think and act strategically**, seeing the role of individual parishes and deaneries within the diocesan picture?
- Are you a **good communicator** with a desire to see all parishes flourishing within the diocesan vision for us to grow as Kingdom People
- Can you help provide the bridge between your PCC / deanery synod and the Diocesan Synod, having impact at a **national level** and connecting with General Synod.

Meetings are held three times a year in different venues around the diocese. There are normally two evening meetings in July and November and a Saturday meeting in March. Papers for each meeting are sent out around three weeks in advance. **Members of diocesan synod are elected for a three-year period.** We would particularly welcome nominations from younger or those from a UK minority ethnic background to better represent the make-up of our communities.

Diocesan Synod agrees the budget for the Diocesan Board of Finance, and how we pay for our mission and ministry through parish share. It also discusses a range of topics affecting both the Church and the world such as the climate crisis and racial justice.

Members of the Diocesan Synod include clergy and laity elected from across the diocese, the Bishops, Dean, Archdeacons, Chancellor, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, Chair of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and our diocesan General Synod members.

Find out more about diocesan synod at:
www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/diocesan-synod.php and
speak to your vicar if you may be interested in standing

