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DIOCESAN SYNOD

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What is the Diocesan Synod?



How is it made up?

- Centre of the diocese
- Responsibility
- Trust and communication



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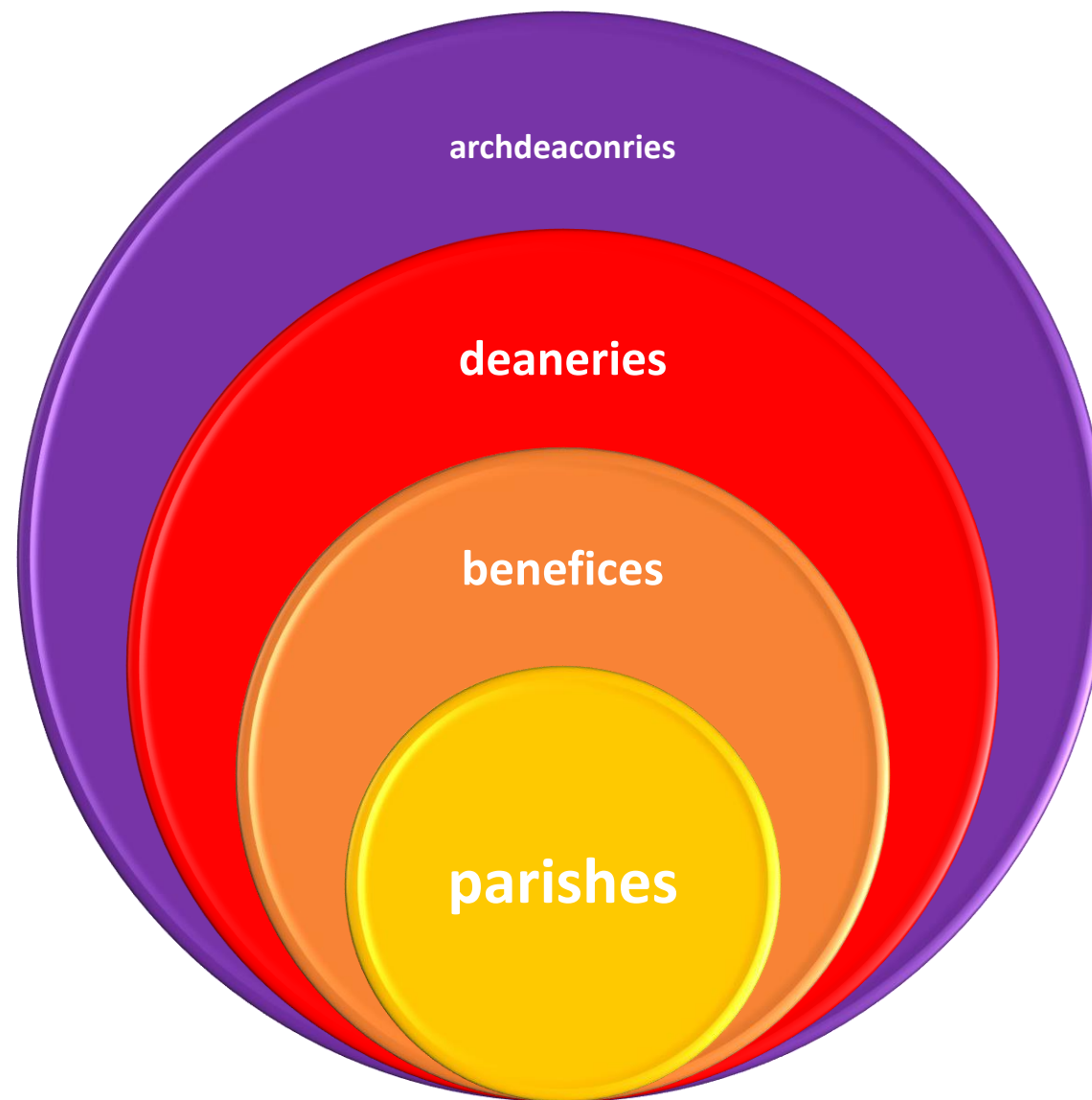
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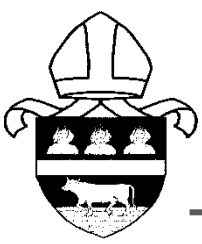




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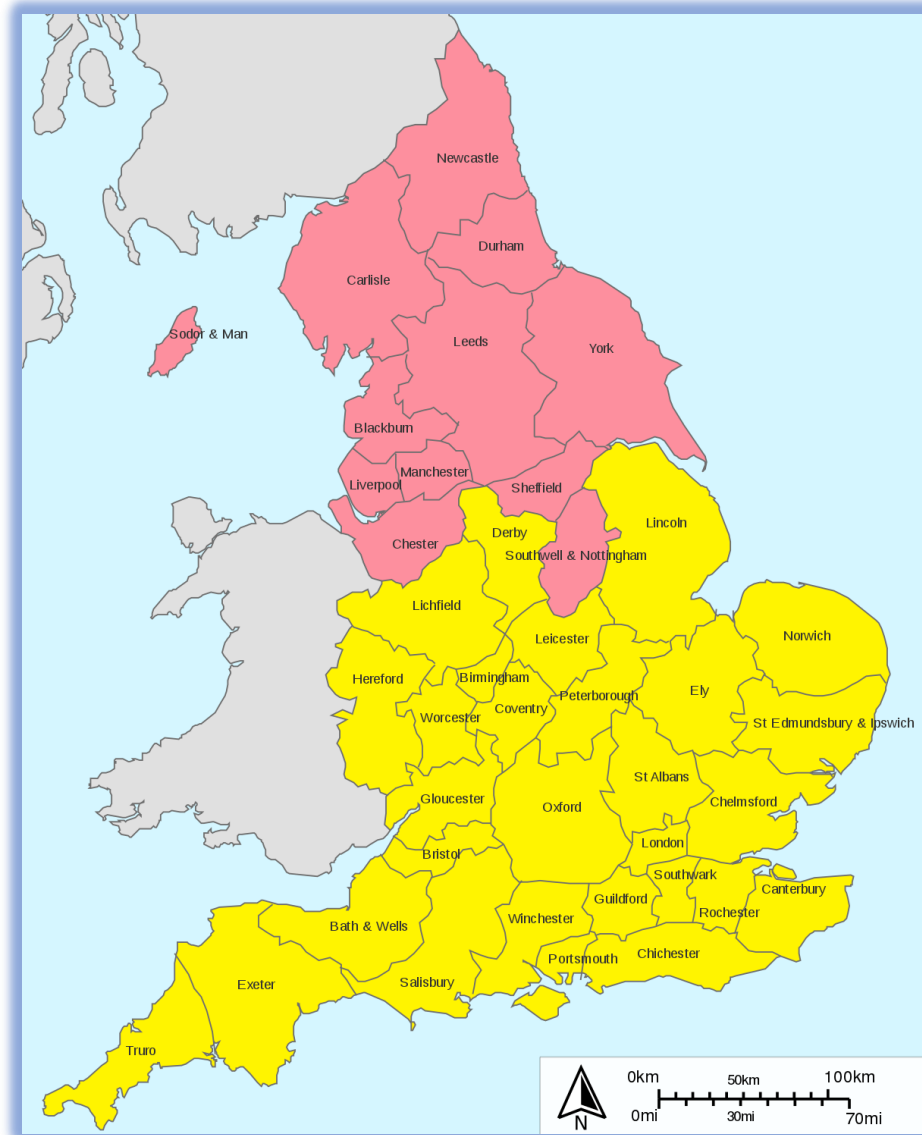
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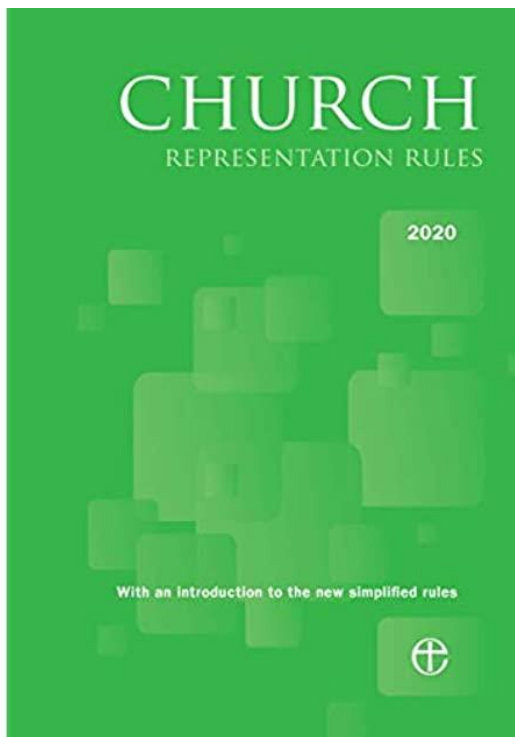
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How is it governed?



Church Representation Rules

Diocesan Synod Standing Orders





What does Synod do?

- Deanery Synod
 - Diocesan Synod
 - General Synod

➤ 'On the way together' ...?



What does Synod do?

The functions of the diocesan synod shall be—

- (a) to consider matters concerning the Church of England and to make provision for such matters in relation to their diocese, and to consider and express their opinion on any other matters of religious or public interest;
- (b) to advise the bishop on any matters on which he may consult the synod;
- (c) to consider and express their opinion on any matters referred to them by the General Synod, and in particular to approve or disapprove provisions referred to them by the General Synod...;
- (d) to consider proposals for the annual budget for the diocese and to approve or disapprove them;
- (e) to consider the annual accounts of the diocesan board of finance of the diocese.

Provided that the functions referred to in paragraph (a) hereof shall not include the issue of any statement purporting to declare the doctrine of the Church on any question.



Synod structures

- House of Laity
- House of Clergy
- House of Bishops



Synod meetings

- Chairs call speakers
- Standing Orders give procedural rules
- Timetables



How does Synod take action?

- Diocesan Synod votes
- Diocesan Board of Finance pays



What is the Diocesan Board of Finance?

- A charitable company
- You – the Diocesan Synod – are the company members
- Your liability is limited



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What is Bishop's Council?

- Standing Committee of the Diocesan Synod
- Board of Directors and Trustees of the Diocesan Board of Finance



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How to be effective?