

Diocesan Synod

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What is required of this meeting? Note/Receive/Decision/Action	Decision
State the relevant mandate of this committee that enables it to take the above action. (Decision-making vs advisory as per TOR / SO / legislation)	<p>Motion:</p> <p>‘This Synod affirms and values the central role that Churchwardens have in each parish across this Diocese and recognises the important legal responsibilities of their office.</p> <p>This Synod also understands the office also has a vital spiritual, pastoral and mission dimension – the duty is to be foremost among the laity in the life and mission of the Church in the parish. Therefore, this Synod requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That resources are offered to Churchwardens to equip them for this spiritual, pastoral and mission dimension. 2. That Archdeacons, Rural Deans and Diocesan staff work together to develop resources for Churchwardens as leaders in mission. 3. This Synod receives a report in the summer of 2025, detailing the programme for resourcing Churchwardens.’