

2024

General Synod By-election for one House of Laity place

Nominations open: 27 June 2024

Nominations close: 25 July 2024

Candidates are **not** required to be Deanery Synod members.

This is an opportunity to represent the concerns of your community and your diocese at a national level. You can have a say in national legislation that affects all parts of the Church of England. You can also raise issues and contribute to debates on social and policy matters.

Lay Deanery Synod members (except co-opted members) will be sent a link to Civica's nomination portal on 27 June 2024.

If you wish to stand as a candidate and you have a proposer and seconder (who are lay Deanery Synod members at 6am on 27 June) and you are eligible (see qualifications below) but you are not a Deanery Synod member please contact:

annemarie.mizler@chichester.anglican.org for your personalised link to the online nomination or call her on: 01273 425682 (direct dial) or 01273 421021 (reception).

Information about General Synod can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/general-synod/elections-synod>



Information about the By-Election can be found at:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/general-synod/>

Qualifications of Candidates

1. A candidate must be a LAY person who:

(a) has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England, or a Church in communion with it, **at least three times in the twelve months before 27 June 2024; AND**

(b) is confirmed (or ready and desirous of being confirmed) **or** comes within paragraph 1(b) of Canon B 15A (i.e. is a communicant member of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity); **AND**

(c) is aged at least 18 on 27 June 2024; **AND**

(d) satisfies ONE of the following conditions:

(i) is on the church electoral roll of a parish in the diocese [or, in the case of a cathedral in the diocese, if not a parish church, on the community roll of the cathedral] at 6am on 27 June 2024;

OR, (ii) has, at any time between 27 May to 27 July 2024, been declared by the leader of a mission initiative in the diocese to be part of the worshipping community involved in the initiative.

2. Unlike electors, candidates need **not** be members of a deanery synod.

3. Candidates must normally be qualified as such at **6.00 a.m. on 27 June 2024.**

4. A candidate must **not** be the holder of a paid office or employment to which one of the following central bodies may make or confirm an appointment: the General Synod, the Church Commissioners*, the Convocations, the Church of England Pensions Board, the Corporation of Church House, the Archbishops' Council. *(A Church Commissioner in receipt of a salary or other emolument is not so disqualified.)

5. A candidate may **not** stand for more than one diocese.

Qualifications of proposers and seconders

6. Proposers and seconders must be lay diocesan electors qualified as such at 6.00 a.m. on the date invitations to nominate are due to be issued, 27 June 2024. The diocesan electors are the members of the house of laity of each deanery synod in the diocese, other than the co-opted members and the members of a religious community with representation in the General Synod.