

## **ELECTION ADDRESSES**

Every candidate is entitled to ask the presiding officer to circulate an election address to the electors. The address is to be prepared at the candidate's own expense. An election address can be in electronic form or in hard copy. If in electronic form, it must be capable of being printed in legible form on one side or both of a single sheet of A4 paper. If in hard copy, it must likewise be on a single sheet of A4 printed on one side or both. There is no obligation for a candidate to submit an election address.

There are no rules on the content or layout of an election address (including whether to insert a photograph). Subject just to limitations of size, each candidate is free to decide. A presiding officer is not entitled to demand changes to an election address unless, in exceptional circumstances, the presiding officer advises the candidate that the election address is defamatory or otherwise unlawful.

However, in light of concerns expressed about failures in previous elections by some candidates to disclose information which some electors thought relevant, the presiding officer is recommended to urge each candidate to ensure that an election address is both accurate and frank about views and affiliations – including by disclosing memberships an elector might think relevant in deciding how to vote.

Election addresses will be sent by the presiding officer to the electors with the invitations to vote on Monday 21st September 2026. They must be given to the presiding officer, by e-mail to: [governance@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:governance@chichester.anglican.org) or by post or in person at Church House, 211 New Church Road, Hove BN3 4ED, so as to be received by the presiding officer by 5 p.m. on Monday 7th September 2026. The presiding officer is under no obligation to circulate addresses received after that or which are not in the required form.

The election address of each elected candidate will be displayed on the diocesan website until the end of the quinquennium (or, if the elected person ceases to be a member at some earlier date, until that date).

In accordance with national advice, and with the support of Bishop's Council, we will not be scheduling hustings.