DIOCESE of OXFORD
A Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world

Vacancies on Boards and Committees

– October 2020

To be elected from existing Diocesan Synod members

Vacancy	Area	Status of nominations	Elected by
Bishop's Council	ONE place Berkshire Archdeaconry *Members will remain in office remaining in place until new Committee elected) – remaining term of triennium 2018-21*	Lay (2nd round of nominations – *vacancy previously not filled*)	Diocesan Synod House of Laity Berkshire Archdeaconry
Bishop's Council	ONE place Dorchester Archdeaconry *Members will remain in office remaining in place until new Committee elected) – remaining term of triennium 2018-21*	Lay (1st round)	Diocesan Synod House of Laity Dorchester Archdeaconry
Bishop's Council	ONE place Dorchester Archdeaconry *Members will remain in office remaining in place until new Committee elected) – remaining term of triennium 2018-21*	Clergy (1st round)	Diocesan Synod House of Clergy Dorchester Archdeaconry
Bishop's Council	ONE place Oxford Archdeaconry *Members will remain in office remaining in place until new Committee elected) – remaining term of triennium 2018-21*	Lay (1st round)	Diocesan Synod House of Laity Oxford Archdeaconry
Buildings & Management Strategy Committee	TWO places currently exist Dorchester Archdeaconry *This term will end on 31st December 2021 (remaining in place until new Committee elected)*	Lay (ONE existing vacancy) plus ONE new vacancy	Diocesan Synod House of Laity *Click on file to open*

Buildings & Management Strategy Committee	ONE place currently exists Oxford Archdeaconry *Note this has been withdrawn*	Lay	Diocesan Synod House of Laity
Buildings & Management Strategy Committee	ONE place currently exists Oxford Archdeaconry *Note this has been withdrawn*	Clergy	Diocesan Synod House of Laity *Click on file to open*
Board of Patronage	ONE place Term 6 years from triennium 2018-21 – will serve another full triennium (2021-2024) without re-election.	Lay (1st round)	Diocesan Synod (Must be a Bishop's Council member who nominates candidates) *Please ensure particular attention is paid to who can nominate*
Board of Mission	ONE place Berkshire Archdeaconry *This term will end on 31st December 2021 (remaining in place until new Committee elected)*	Clergy	Diocesan Synod House of Clergy *Click on file to open*
Oxford Diocesan Council for the Deaf	TWO places	Clergy or Lay	Diocesan Synod Any member of the House of Clergy or House of Laity

If you wish to stand for any of these and have any questions please contact Caroline Todd, Clerk to the Synod who will give you advice about who can propose and second your nomination.
Email: synodclerk@oxford.anglican.org Tel: (01865) 208297

The closing date for **ALL nominations** in the first instance will be **Monday 26th October**. Those who have been elected uncontested will be notified and where there are more nominations than places, an election will be held. Please see notes at the end of the timetable how to get your nomination form proposed and seconded.

Appendix II shows a snapshot of the main duties of the Boards where there are vacancies.

Current vacancies on Boards and Committees
October 2020

Bishop's Council

The Bishop's Council is responsible for advising the Diocesan Bishop, considering matters of policy, and determining how matters should be taken forward to the Diocesan Synod for further consideration. As the Standing Committee of both the Synod and the Diocesan Board of Finance, it also handles a wide range of financial and strategic business, and considers issues raised by Diocesan Boards, Councils and Committees, Deaneries and the national church. Members act as Directors and Trustees of the Diocesan Board of Finance, a limited company and registered charity, and the Council is responsible for the management of finance, subject to the direction of the Synod. Bishop's Council also acts as the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee. Elected members are also ex-officio members of their archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee.

In addition to Ex-officio and nominated members, elected membership consists of:
2 clerical and 3 lay Diocesan Synod members from each of the Berkshire, Buckingham and Dorchester archdeaconries.

I clergy person and 2 lay Diocesan Synod members from the Oxford archdeaconry.
People with a broad range of interests, committed to the principles, priorities and values of Common Vision (being a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world), are welcome.
Bishop's Council: Meets typically on 5 afternoons a year, usually these are Wednesdays. Some years there is an extended evening meeting.

Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committees: These usually meet 3 times per year. Dates will be provided by the Mission & Pastoral Committee Secretary on appointment.
Interested to know more? Contact Canon Mark Humphriss (01865) 208202

<u>Board of Mission</u>
The Board of Mission is comprised of elected members of diocesan synod (ordained and lay), appointed members and ex officio members – including the bishops and some diocesan officers. The Board oversees the Department of Mission (comprising diocesan officers who work from church house and other parts of the diocese).

The Board of Mission is responsible for:

- Listening to people and churches in the Diocese
- Generating vision and strategic objectives
- Enabling Diocesan reflection on externally driven strategy
- Overseeing work of the Department and reports to Diocesan Synod
- Oversight of the budget

The Department of Mission is responsible for:

- Turning vision and strategy into plans

- Implementing plans in partnership with the people, clergy and churches of the Diocese
- Deploying resources effectively
- Monitoring the progress of implementation
- Listening to people and churches in the Diocese and feeding back to Board.

The three-year term of office began on 1 January 2019.

For more details on the scope of the work of the Department: https://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/ or contact Canon Andrew Anderson-Gear, Director of Mission (01865) 208251

Diocesan Board of Patronage
The Board is Patron of 17, and Joint Patron of 19 other, benefices in the diocese and so is responsible for finding a suitable priest to fill the vacancy for an incumbent when it arises. This is done in close co-operation with the Bishop and Parish Representatives.
3 clerical members beneficed in or licensed to any parish in the diocese, proposed, seconded and elected by the House of Clergy of the Diocesan Synod and 5 lay members, proposed, seconded and elected by the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod; in each case by single transferable vote. Members are elected to serve for 6 years (from the start of the 2018-2021 triennium)
Meets informally once or twice a year and formally when there is a vacancy to be filled or other business transacted.

Interested to know more? Contact The Revd Dan Heyward, Chair of the Board
dan.heyward@standrewsoxford.org
Or Tel: 01865-314858

Buildings Management & Strategy Committee
Sets the policy for buying, repairing, maintaining and disposing of all parsonage houses, team vicarages and houses owned by the Board of Finance. Policies are implemented through the Archdeaconry sub-committees. Currently operating as the Buildings Management & Strategy Committee we consider reports from the Glebe Committee and have a strategic overview of the whole property portfolio, including rented property. Common-sense and an interest in the well-being of our clergy and their families are required.

Members are to be elected by the clerical and lay Diocesan Synod members respectively of each archdeaconry.
Meets 3 times a year. Archdeaconry sub-committees also meet 3 times a year.

Interested to know more? Contact Mr David Mason, Director of Glebe and Buildings. Tel: (01865) 208230

Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Council works with d/Deaf and hard-of-hearing people: to promote their spiritual, social and general well-being, to foster better relationships between hearing and d/Deaf Christians, and to work towards their full participation in church and society.

The Council also supports the Chaplain and Chaplaincy team in their ministry amongst the Deaf Churches and congregations across the Diocese.

Synod members with an interest and/or experience are encouraged join the Council, and see this ministry flourish.

2 members of the Diocesan Synod, either clerical or lay, to be elected as representatives by Diocesan Synod members

Meets 3 times a year

Interested to know more? See their website: www.odcd.org.uk or contact:

Council Chair: His Hon. Christopher Tyrer cjmtyrer@btinternet.com

Chaplain: Vacant

Timetable for 2020 Casual Vacancy elections to Diocesan Synod	
Stage 1 *(Nominations)* Monday 5th October	The Diocesan Electoral Roll Officer will provide details of vacancies by email, together with a list of qualified electors. Notice of election and nomination papers to be made available (allowing for not less than 21 days for return)
Monday 26th October	Last date for receipt of nomination papers (by 12.00 noon)
Monday 26th October	Candidates will be informed of elections where uncontested
Stage 2 (*Elections*) Monday 26th October	Voting papers to be posted or emailed to electors (if election required)
Monday 9th November	Close of voting (not less than 14 days from date of issue)
Tuesday 10th November	Count and declaration of result of elections held to those elected followed by notification to Synod members of results of outcomes for all elections.

You will need someone to propose and second your nomination from the relevant House. To find out who you may be able to ask there is a list of qualified electors is provided. You can also check members on the diocesan website link https://www.oxford.anglican.org/who-we-are/governance/diocesan-synod/ where you can select any member and email them direct. If you need help with this, please contact Caroline Todd.

Synod members ask questions about the Common Vision strategy – November 2018

Contact your Diocesan Synod member

Choose Member to contact

Select Recipient

Useful links

- Find out about Diocesan Synod
- Roles and responsibilities
- Standing Orders