

Vacancy in See Consultation

We are currently discerning who might be our new Diocesan Bishop for Oxford. Anyone living, working or worshipping in the diocese can contribute their views via this form. Your answers are anonymous.

Opening questions

- Are you replying for yourself or on behalf of a group?
 - You said you're responding on behalf of a group. What type of group are you responding for?
 - Are the majority of your group aged under 18?
- Are you under 18?

Questions for over 18s, or groups who are primarily over 18

- What are your hopes for the diocese, especially the churches in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire?
- What are the challenges facing the diocese?
- We expect our new bishop will have a range of skills and strengths. What particular three characteristics would you want in the person called to be our new bishop?
You might like to consider what might make the Bishop of Oxford distinctive from bishops in other areas or contexts.
- Is there anything else you would like to share with us as we discern who God is calling to be our new bishop?

Questions for under 18s, or groups who are primarily under 18

- What should our new bishop be like? Please use three words.
- What do you think will be the hardest thing our new bishop will have to do?
- What do you think the new bishop's first tasks might be? Please tell us up to three things.
- What else would you like to tell us about your hopes for our new bishop? Please use as many words as you'd like.

Demographic questions

The survey ends with some optional demographic questions for over 18s replying for themselves. Respondents can opt to skip all these questions and submit just the answers above, or choose to answer any/all of the following. These questions will not be shown to under 18s or people responding on behalf of a group.

This information will not be used for any other purpose, or shared with anyone. We ask for it to ensure we are representing the wide range of communities across the diocese, and the information will only be retained in an anonymised format until the Vacancy In See process concludes, ie. a maximum of two years.

- What age group are you in?
- Where do you live?
 - [For those who don't live in the diocese] Do you work or attend church in the diocese?
- How often do you go to church?
- Which gender do you identify with?
- Which ethnic group do you belong to?
- Do you identify as having a disability and/or being neurodivergent?
- Do you identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community?

Thank you!

Your answers will help shape the future of the Diocese of Oxford.

Please share this survey with others in your church and community and encourage them to respond too.

We'll keep you updated via eNews as the discernment process continues.