**The 2024 Elections to Diocesan Councils, Boards and Committees**

**Bishop’s Council**

**Notice of Election and Nomination Form**

The responsibilities of the Bishop’s Council are to:

* Serve as the members, directors and charitable trustees of the Diocesan Board of Finance
* Be the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee
* Plan the business of Diocesan Synod and be its Standing committee
* Initiate proposals for Diocesan Synod and to advise on matters of policy
* Advise the President (Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) on any matter which he may refer to the committee
* Transact the business of Diocesan Synod when it is not in session
* Appoint certain members of other committees or nominate them for election
* Carry out such other functions as Diocesan Synod may delegate to it

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**MEMBERSHIP**

* The Diocesan and Suffragan Bishops
* The Dean of St Edmundsbury
* The Archdeacons
* The Chairs of the Houses of Clergy and Laity of Diocesan Synod
* One appointee of the Diocesan Board of Education
* One appointee of the Diocesan Advisory Committee
* The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance
* The Chair of the Finance Committee
* Nine elected members (see below)
* Bishop’s Council can co-opt up to three additional members.

#### MEETINGS

Meetings will be held regularly throughout the year usually on Thursday afternoons commencing at 2.00pm.

**ELIGIBILITY**:

#### LAY MEMBERS

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| How many? | One |
| Who may stand? | Members of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod  |
| Who may nominate and second candidates? | Ditto |
| Who may vote? | Ditto |

#### TIMETABLE

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| **Date** | **Deadline** | **What?** |
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| Friday 29th November 2024 | Mid day  | Nominations must be received at the Diocesan Office |
| Monday 2nd December 2024 |  | Voting papers will be mailed to the electorate |
| Wednesday 18th December 2024 | Mid day | Voting papers must be received at the Diocesan Office |
| Friday 20th December 2024 |  | The results will be declared, and all nominees notified |
| Friday 20th December 2024 |  | The appointment takes effect |

Members serve from the date of election until the election of their successors or until resignation or ceasing to be qualified.

**NOMINATION FOR THE BISHOP’S COUNCIL**

Please return the completed form (to be received by post or email) by midday on 29th November 2024 to:

Diocesan Elections

Diocesan Office

St Nicholas Centre

4 Cutler Street, Ipswich

IP1 1UQ

Diocesan.secretary@cofesuffolk.org

(please wrie clearly in capital letters or type)

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| I | ­ | nominate… |
|  | Name of proposer |  |

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| **Candidate details** |  |
| Name |  |
|  | (Title) (Forename) (Surname) |
| Address |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  | (Post Code) |
| Telephone |  |
| Occupation |  |

for election to the Bishop’s Council to represent: (please delete that which does not apply)

The Clergy of the Diocese The Laity of the Diocese

**I certify that I am eligible to make this nomination:**
Proposer details:

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| Signed | Date |
|  |  |
| Name |  |
|  | (Title) (Forename) (Surname) |
| Address |  |
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|  | (Post Code) |
| Telephone |  |

**I second the nomination and am eligible to do so:**

Seconder details:

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| Signed | Date |
|  |  |
| Name |  |
|  | (Title) (Forename) (Surname) |
| Address |  |
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To assist the voters, nominees are asked to submit in not more than 100 words (separately or on the form below) information about themselves and why they seek election to the Bishop’s Council. (This will be included with the voting paper).

Please write clearly or type:

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I certify that I am willing and eligible to stand for election and not disqualified from membership of the Bishop’s Council under section 178 of the Charities Act 2011[[1]](#footnote-1) nor from being a director under the Companies Acts.

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| Signed - (Candidate) | Date |

Successful candidates may be required to supply personal details such as National Insurance numbers to HMRC, as part of the “Fit and Proper Persons Test”[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/25/section/178> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://hmrc.gov.uk/charities/guidance-notes/chapter2/fp-persons-test.htm> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)