**The 2021 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 evenings. The remaining date for 2021 is 9 December.

**ELIGIBILITY**:

#### CLERGY MEMBERS

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

#### LAY MEMBERS

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| How many? | Five |
| 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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| Thursday 18 November 2021 | Midday  | Nominations must be received at the Diocesan Office |
| Monday 22 November 2021 |  | Voting papers will be mailed to the electorate |
| Wednesday 8 December 2021 | Midday | Voting papers must be received at the Diocesan Office |
| Thursday 9 December 2021 |  | The results will be declared and all nominees notified  |
| Thursday 9 December 2021 |  | The appointment takes effect  |
| Saturday 19 March 2022 |  | A formal announcement of the results will be made at Diocesan Synod |

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 midday on Thursday 18 November 2021 to:

Diocesan Elections

Diocesan Office

St Nicholas Centre

4 Cutler Street, Ipswich

IP1 1UQ

(please write 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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|  | (Post Code) |
| Telephone |  |

In order 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)