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

### Vacancy in See Committee

## **Notice of Election and Nomination Form**

**The Vacancy in See Committee meets to consider the appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop each time a vacancy occurs in the Bishopric of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

* The Suffragan Bishop
* The Dean of St Edmundsbury
* Two Archdeacons
* The Clergy and Laity Diocesan representatives on the General Synod
* The Chairs of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity of Diocesan Synod
* Six elected members
* Up to four members nominated by the Bishop’s Council.

#### MEETINGS

When a vacancy occurs in the Bishopric of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

#### CLERGY MEMBERS

|  |  |
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| How many? | Three |
| Who may stand? | Any clergy beneficed or licensed in the diocese by the Diocesan Bishop |
| Who may nominate and second candidates? | Clergy and/or lay members of the Diocesan Synod |
| Who may vote? | Ditto |

#### LAY MEMBERS

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| How many? | Seven |
| Who may stand? | Any lay person aged 16 or over who is an active communicant and either a member of an electoral roll of a parish within the Diocese or declared as being part of the worshipping community of a mission initiative in the Diocese by the leader of the initiative |
| Who may nominate and second candidates? | Clergy and/or lay members of the Diocesan Synod |
| 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 |
| 1st January 2025 |  | The term of office of those elected will commence and they will serve for three years or until resignation or ceasing to be qualified |

**NOMINATION FOR THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE**

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

Diocesan Elections

Diocesan Office

St Nicholas Centre

4 Cutler Street, Ipswich

IP1 1UQ.

Diocesan.secretary@cofesuffolk.org

(please write clearly in capital letters or type)

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| I |  | nominate….. |
|  | Name of proposer |  |
| Candidate details |  |
| Name |  |
|  | (Title) (Forename) (Surname) |
| Address |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  | (Post Code) |
| Telephone |  |
| Occupation |  |

for election to the Vacancy in See Committee to represent: (please delete that which does not apply)

The Clergy of the Diocese The Laity of the Diocese

**I certify as a member of the House of Clergy/Laity\* of the Diocesan Synod, that I am eligible to make this nomination:**
(\* Please delete that which does not apply)

Proposer details:

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

**In my capacity as a member of the House of Clergy/Laity\* of the Diocesan Synod, I second the nomination and am eligible to do so:**

(\* Please delete that which does not apply)

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 information about themselves and why they seek election to the Vacancy in See Committee. (This will be inserted in the voting paper).

Please write clearly or type: (no more than 100 words)

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I certify that I am willing and eligible to stand for election.

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| Signed - (Candidate) | Date |