

## Newcastle Diocesan Synod

### Elections to Boards & Committees

A key task at the start of the new triennium is for Diocesan Synod to elect people to serve as members on the various Boards and Committees. For those elected, their appointments are for a three year term commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

#### Diocesan Boards & Committees

Details are summarised in the following table:

Name	Detail
<b>Bishop's Council &amp; Standing Committee</b> Chair: The Bishop of Newcastle Secretary: Diocesan Secretary	<p><b>The Bishop's Council is the Synod's Standing Committee and takes a strategic overview of the life of the diocese. It develops policy and sets priorities under the direction of the Synod and the Bishop.</b></p> <p>Its work includes advising on financial and strategic decisions, holding together policy, finance, and deployment of resources within the framework of the Church's mission. The Bishop's Council acts as the <b>Board of Directors</b> of the Diocesan Board of Finance and members are trustees of the Board as a registered charity.</p> <p>Members of Bishop's Council need to be people who are keen to work together to develop a strategic vision for the diocese as a whole. The Council requires people with a range of skills and interests, in mission, pastoral organisations and finance.</p>
<b>Diocesan Education Board</b> Chair: The Revd Gill Alexander Secretary: Gill Booth	<p><b>The Education Board work with all of our diocesan Church Schools across Newcastle Diocese, supporting church leaders, including headteacher and governors, so that all schools are able to live out their Christian distinctiveness through their Christian vision. They also support Collective Worship and the development of Religious Education within a statutory framework set by Parliament and the General Synod, as well as school leadership and matters relating to governance.</b></p> <p>The Church Schools in our diocese represent a tremendous opportunity to serve children and families in the name and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ so that all can live life to its fullest .</p> <p>Newcastle Diocesan Education Board is a limited company and a registered charity. The Board meets three times per year and once per year jointly with the Durham Education Board.</p> <p>The work of the Joint Team for Church Schools in Newcastle and Durham Dioceses is furthered by additional meetings for organisational and strategic development.</p>

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<b>Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC)</b> Chair: Canon Roger Styring Secretary: Lucy Burfield	<p><b>The DAC advises the Chancellor of the diocese (the ecclesiastical judge) on all applications to carry out works on or to churches and churchyards.</b></p> <p>The Synod elects four members from its number. Other members of the DAC are appointed rather than elected, as experts in some relevant discipline relating to historic buildings, or with a particular interest in the care and use of church buildings.</p>
<b>Diocesan Mission &amp; Pastoral Committee (DMPC)</b> Chair: The Revd Canon Louise Taylor-Kenyon Secretary: Philip Ambrose	<p><b>The DMPC reviews arrangements for pastoral supervision in the diocese; prepares strategies or proposals for making better provision for the cure of souls, and makes recommendations to the Bishop, and has responsibility for the future of churches no longer required for public worship.</b></p> <p>In consultation with ecumenical partners it works with parishes and deaneries to elicit their views on decisions that affect them, and is responsible for Bishop's Mission Orders which enable and support new mission initiatives within the overall ordering of the life of the church.</p> <p>The DMPC has rights, powers, duties and obligations laid down by the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 and is committed to deploying these in the best interests of the Church's mission throughout the diocese.</p>
<b>Houses &amp; Glebe Committee</b> Chair: Canon Roger Windass Secretary: Ian Beswick	<p><b>The Houses &amp; Glebe Committee manages two categories of land and property on behalf of the diocese and reports annually to the Bishop's Council.</b></p> <p>The Committee supports the clergy and their family in providing a safe and secure home, and oversees the maintenance, repair and improvement of the housing stock.</p> <p>Also the Committee oversees management of glebe land to provide income to support parochial stipends across the diocese.</p>
<b>Vacancy in See Committee</b> Chair: (to be appointed) Secretary: Diocesan Secretary	<p><b>The Vacancy in See Committee is elected at each triennium, but only meets when there is a vacancy in the See of Newcastle. The Committee was last convened on the retirement of the Rt Revd Christine Hardman.</b></p> <p>The Committee consults widely and prepares a statement setting out the needs of the diocese for consideration by the Crown Nominations Commission. The Committee elects six of its members to serve on the Crown Nominations Commission when the Commission meets to consider the See of Newcastle.</p>

## Number of places to be filled by Diocesan Synod elections

Details are summarised in the following table:

Board/Council/Committee	Elected places from House of Laity	Elected places from House of Clergy
Bishop's Council & Standing Committee	6	3
Diocesan Education Board	3	3
Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)	2	2
Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee (DMPC)	4	2
Houses & Glebe Committee	2	2
Vacancy in See Committee	6	2

## Timetable

Details are summarised in the following table:

Description	Date
Nomination period opens	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Nomination period closes	Noon on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Voting period opens	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Voting period closes	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Elected members will serve	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 31st December 2027

## The nomination and election process

The key points of the process are:

- Candidates for House of Laity positions need to be nominated and seconded by people who are House of Laity Members of Diocesan Synod.
- Candidates for House of Clergy positions need to be nominated and seconded by people who are House of Clergy Members of Diocesan Synod.
- Candidates are asked to submit in not more than 100 words, on a separate sheet, information about themselves and why they seek election.
- Completed nomination forms need to be returned by **12 noon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**:
  - By email to [elections@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:elections@newcastle.anglican.org)
  - By post to Secretary to the DMPC, Church House, St John's Terrace, North Shields, NE29 6HS
- Elections will only be necessary if the number of candidates exceeds the number of positions available.
- Only House of Laity Diocesan Synod members can vote in elections for House of Laity positions.
- Only House of Clergy Diocesan Synod members can vote in elections for House of Clergy positions.
- The outcome of the nomination and election process will be reported to the Diocesan Synod meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November.