**Summer 2022**

### Vacancy in See Committee

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

**The Vacancy in See Committee has a key role in the selection and appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop whenever a vacancy occurs.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

* The Suffragan Bishop
* The Dean
* Two Archdeacons
* The clergy and lay diocesan representatives on the General Synod
* The Chairs of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity of Diocesan Synod
* Two elected clergy members
* Two elected lay members
* Further elected clergy and/or lay members so as to achieve representation of all archdeaconries, equal numbers of clergy and lay overall (so far as possible), and a minimum of 21 members overall
* Once these members have been established, Bishop’s Council may nominate up to a further four.

#### MEETINGS

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

#### ELIGIBILITY:

#### CLERGY MEMBERS

|  |  |
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| How many? | One |
| Who may stand? | Any clergy (other than an archdeacon or bishop) beneficed or licensed in the diocese by the Diocesan Bishop |
| Who may nominate and second candidates? | Members of the House of Clergy of the Diocesan Synod |
| Who may vote? | Members of the Houses of Clergy and Laity of the Diocesan Synod |

**LAY MEMBERS**

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| How many? | Five |
| Who may stand? | Any lay person aged 16 or over who is a communicant member 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 lead of the initiative |
| Who may nominate and second candidates? | Members of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod |
| Who may vote? | Members of the Houses of Clergy and Laity of the Diocesan Synod |

#### TIMETABLE

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| **Date** | **Deadline** | **What?** |
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| Wednesday 6 July 2022 | Midday | Nominations must be received at the Diocesan Office |
| Friday 8 July 2022 |  | Voting papers will be mailed to the electorate |
| Friday 29 July 2022 | Midday | Voting papers must be received at the Diocesan Office |
| Monday 1 August 2022 |  | The results will be declared on the Diocesan website and all nominees informed by post |
| Monday 1 August 2022 |  | The appointment takes effect  |
| Saturday 1 October 2022 |  | A formal announcement of the results will be made at Diocesan Synod |

**NOMINATION FOR THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE**

Please return the completed form (to be received) by midday on Wednesday 6th July 2022.

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 |  |
| 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 |