

Newcastle Diocesan Synod

For the elections to Boards and Committees

Note from the Diocesan Secretary

1. Elections to Boards and Committees

There are a number of elections at this time and the elections from the Diocesan Synod to the various Boards and Committees overlap with the elections to the General Synod. May I urge you to remember this when you receive various voting papers.

The Diocesan Synod is asked to fill a number of places on the Boards and Committees listed below. The qualifications for those wishing to stand for election are set out on the nomination forms for each Board and Committee. The nomination forms are available to be downloaded from the website at www.newcastle.anglican.org/synod and paper copies are available from Church House (0191 270 4100).

2. Available Places

| Board/Committee | Board/Committee Chair | Number of Clergy places to be elected | Number of Lay places to be elected |
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| Bishop's Council & Standing Committee | The Bishop of Newcastle | <u>3</u> (to include one from each Archdeaconry) | <u>6</u> (to include one from each Archdeaconry) |
| Diocesan Education Board | The Ven Peter Robinson | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> |
| Houses & Glebe Committee | Canon Roger Windass | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
| Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee | The Revd Paul Scott | <u>2</u> | <u>4</u> |
| Vacancy in See Committee | The Very Revd Chris Dalliston | <u>2</u> (one from each Archdeaconry) | <u>6</u> (1 from Northumberland and 5 from Lindisfarne Archdeaconry) |

3. Election Timetable

| Event | Date | Comment |
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| Nomination Period Opens | Saturday 19 th September | (nomination papers available) |
| Nomination Period Closes | Monday 5 th October | at noon |
| Voting Period Opens | Monday 12 th October | (ballot papers circulated) |
| Voting Period Closes | Monday 2 nd November | at noon |
| Count | Monday 2 nd /Tuesday 3 rd November | (results issued as soon as available) |

From the Standing Orders

Nominations for Election to Committees

82. Every nomination shall require a proposer and seconder who shall be qualified electors but the standing committee may (except in an election to itself) collectively nominate candidates. Nominations which shall be in writing and accompanied by signed evidence of the candidate's willingness to serve shall be delivered to the secretary within such period (not being less than 14 days) as he shall specify. If the number of nominations is no more than that of the seats to be filled, all the candidates shall be declared and elected.

Voting in Elections

- 83 (a) The names of the candidates in any other event be circulated to every qualified elector on a voting paper which when marked and signed shall be returnable to the secretary within such period (not being less than 14 days) as he shall specify.
- (b) Subject to paragraph (c) below, each elector shall have as many votes as there are seats to be filled, but shall not give more than one vote to any one candidate. In the event of an equality of votes the election shall be decided by lot.
- (c) Where the synod or standing committee has directed that the election shall be conducted by the method of the single transferable vote, the rules, with the necessary modification, made by the General Synod under Church Representation Rule 39(7) and for the time being in force, shall be used.