

## **Newcastle Diocesan Synod - Elections to Boards, Councils & Committees**

### **Introduction**

This is to update Diocesan Synod on the outcome of the process of seeking nominations for people to serve on Diocesan Boards, Councils & Committees for the 3 year period 01/01/25 to 31/12/27.

### **Nominations received**

Details are summarised in the following table:

<b>Board/Council/Committee</b>	<b>Nominations House of Laity</b>	<b>Nominations House of Clergy</b>
<b>Bishop's Council &amp; Standing Committee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 laity places</li> <li>• 3 clergy places</li> </ul>	Emma Doran John Appleby Carol Griffiths Dominic Llewellyn	Claire Maxim David Glover Ben Doolan
<b>Diocesan Education Board:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 laity places</li> <li>• 3 clergy places</li> </ul>	Brenda Frier Rebecca Simpson	Julia Lacey
<b>Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 laity places</li> <li>• 2 clergy places</li> </ul>	Aidan Evans	Simon White Christopher Minchin
<b>Diocesan Mission &amp; Pastoral Committee (DMPC):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 laity places</li> <li>• 2 clergy places</li> </ul>	Carol Griffiths Alice Wilkinson Aidan Evans Susan Ramshaw	Hannah Cleugh
<b>Houses &amp; Glebe Committee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 laity places</li> <li>• 2 clergy places</li> </ul>		Sarah Lunn
<b>Vacancy in See Committee:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 laity places</li> <li>• 2 clergy places</li> </ul>	John Appleby Joshua Jee	Ben Doolan

As the number of nominations is no more than that of the seats to be filled, all the candidates shall be declared and elected (Newcastle Diocesan Synod Standing Orders nos 73A & 82).

## Vacant positions remaining

Nominations received were insufficient to fill all the available places and the resulting places still to be filled are:

<b>Board/Council/Committee</b>	<b>Vacancies House of Laity</b>	<b>Vacancies House of Clergy</b>
Bishop's Council & Standing Committee	2	0
Diocesan Education Board	1	2
Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)	1	0
Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee (DMPC)	0	1
Houses & Glebe Committee	2	1
Vacancy in See Committee	4	1

In terms of filling these places, Newcastle Diocesan Standing Orders provide for the following:

- **Quorum**  
Not less than one third of the total members of a committee shall form a quorum but a committee may act notwithstanding a vacancy in its membership (Standing Order no 87).
- **Filling vacancies where insufficient nominations have been received:**  
Standing Order no 86 empowers the standing committee to appoint to fill the vacancy.