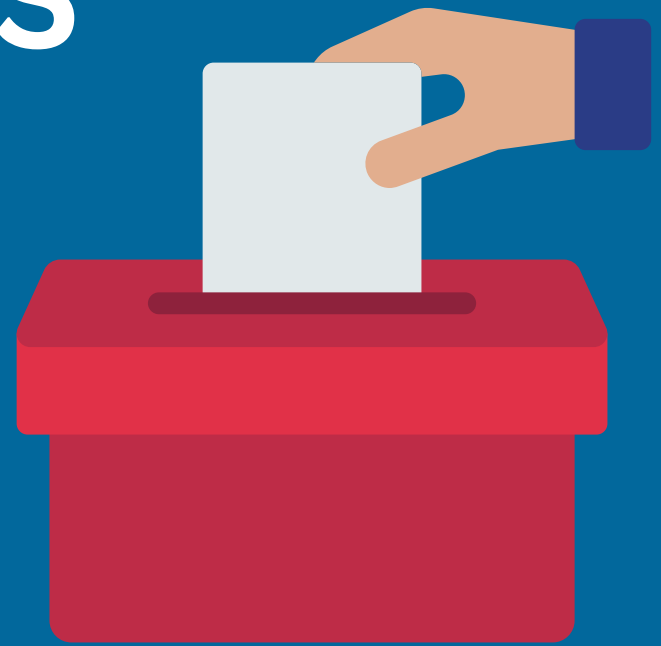


# LOCAL ELECTIONS 2026

**Local Elections**, will  
take place **7 May**  
**2026.**



**Local elections** across England will take place on Thursday 7 May 2026, with more than 4,850 council seats being contested across 134 councils. These elections shape decisions about housing, social care, transport, environmental action, youth services, and the wellbeing of our neighbours.

**Are you ready, registered and ID Ready? Here are some key dates and requirements:**

These dates apply across England for the 2026 local elections:

- **Election day:** Thursday 7 May 2026
- **Register to vote by:** Monday 20 April 2026 (midnight)
- **Apply for a postal vote by:** 5pm, Tuesday 21 April 2026
- **Apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate (photo ID):** 5pm, Tuesday 28 April 2026

As well as the practical items you may consider praying for the elections, looking at the manifestos, objectives and views of local civic leaders and parties to help inform your decision.

**Scan the QR Code for election information and resources information about registering and voter ID.**



The Diocese of  
**Southwark**

