



Diocesan Synod

Elections to Diocesan Synod

The Chair of the House of Laity to move that:

“this Synod will take note of the Diocesan Secretary’s evaluation of membership for the 2021 triennium prior to certifying, to Deanery Secretaries, their allocation of seats formally by the end of December 2020, including the revised formula of 1 in 450 (min 2) in order to maintain the appropriate balance of the Houses of Laity and Clergy.

1. Every three years the Diocesan Synod is required to approve (this year the December Synod) the allocation of representatives from the deaneries to the Diocesan Synod for next year’s triennial elections. This process determines both the size of the Diocesan Synod and the distribution of places between different deaneries. Distribution of these seats is formulaic and governed by the Church Representation Rules (and variation made by Diocesan Synod itself).
2. In Southwark, Laity distribution of places is based on one seat per 500 people, cumulatively, from each deanery (with a minimum of two members) within all their parishes’ electoral roll numbers. Clergy distribution is based on one seat per 6 members of clergy in a deanery (with an additional 1 member per 10 members of clergy with PTO).
3. Given the COVID-19 crisis and changes to the dates for APCMs, we have not been able to obtain the information from the Electoral Roll form for 2020 and have therefore used the full revision numbers undertaken in 2019 to calculate the number of representatives.
4. There was a decline, in 2019, of the number of people listed on electoral rolls which has had a significant impact in the calculated number of laity places on Diocesan Synod. In 2017, 73 elected laity places were calculated using this formula which this year this will drop to 66 using the current formula. This would cause the clergy/lay balance, even using Bishop Christopher’s nomination power, to fall.
5. The Diocesan Secretary and the Chairs of the Houses have agreed that maintaining balance of laity and clergy is of the highest importance and have agreed that a minor alteration to the formula on which the places are based would rectify the imbalance. The formula of 1 representative for every 450 (with a minimum of two per deanery) increases the laity membership back to an *approximately* equal membership of Diocesan Synod.
6. The table overleaf shows the numbers of electoral roll members across each deanery and the number of representatives for each. It also shows those members

who are ex-officio and Bishop Christopher's nominations which can be used as he directs to change the balance through an increase in either House.

7. The revised formula would provide 82 Laity places and 92 Clergy places. Please note that not all places are always filled, within clergy or laity, and in the event of an imbalance Bishop Christopher has advised, as before, he would use his nominations to increase where needed. Over the current triennium the balance has been roughly equal.

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The Diocesan Secretary

December 2020

ELECTIONS TO DIOCESAN SYNOD IN 2021

LAITY

Deanery	Code	No of Reps	Electoral Roll	No of Reps	No of Reps
		2018	2019	2021	2021
		1/500 (min2)		1/500 (min 2)	1/450 (min 2)
Croydon North	CC1	2	1155	2	2
Croydon Addington	CC2	2	1154	2	2
Croydon Central	CC3	3	1431	2	3
Croydon South	CC4	2	1154	2	2
Sutton	CR5	4	1882	3	4
Reigate	CR3	7	3035	6	6
Tandridge	CR4	5	2292	4	5
Lambeth North	KL1	2	1913	3	4
Lambeth South	KL2	2	1320	2	2
Merton	KL3	6	2974	5	6
Battersea	KW1	2	1473	2	3
Tooting	KW2	2	1178	2	2
Wandsworth	KW3	4	1760	3	3
Richmond & Barnes	KW4	4	1751	3	3
Kingston	KW5	5	2227	4	4
Charlton	WL1	2	1316	2	2
Eltham & Mottingham	WL2	2	582	2	2
Plumstead	WL3	2	993	2	2
East Lewisham	WL4	3	1640	3	3
West Lewisham	WL5	2	696	2	2
Deptford	WL6	2	696	2	2
Bermondsey	WS1	2	479	2	2
Southwark & Newington	WS2	2	1273	2	2
Camberwell	WS3	2	1288	2	2
Dulwich	WS4	2	1065	2	2
Totals		73	36727	66	72

1 in 500, min 2

1 in 500, min 2 1 in 450, min 2

CLERGY

No of Reps	Licensed Clergy	PTO Clergy	No of Electors	No of Reps
2018	2019	2019	2019	2021
				1/6 (min 2)
2	15	6	16	2
2	13	1	14	2
3	19	2	20	3
2	15	2	16	2
2	24	4	25	4
5	33	6	34	5
4	26	4	27	4
5	34	3	35	5
3	16	4	17	2
6	37	2	38	6
2	18	0	19	3
3	19	5	20	3
3	21	3	22	3
3	17	5	18	3
3	24	3	25	4
4	26	2	27	4
2	8	2	9	2
2	14	1	15	2
4	25	2	26	4
2	10	4	11	2
2	12	1	13	2
2	9	0	10	2
5	27	1	28	4
2	14	0	15	2
2	17	1	18	3
75	493	64	518	78

1/10

1 in 6 min 2

2021

Total Reps Clergy & Lay
4
4
6
4
8
11
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9
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12
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150

SUMMARY

	2015	2018	2021 - 1/500	2021 - 1/450
Bishops	4	4	4	4
Elected Laity	73	73	66	72
Elected Clergy	68	75	78	78
Archdeacons & Dean	7	7	7	7
Bishop's Nominees (Clergy)	5	2		
Bishop's Nominees (Laity)	5	8		
General Synod Clergy	8	7	7	7
General Synod Laity	7	7	7	7
Chancellor	1	1	1	1
DAC Chairman	1	1	1	1
DBF Chairman	1	1	1	1
Total Laity	88	91	76	82
Total Clergy	88	91	92	92
Total Bishops	4	4	4	4
Maximum Membership	180	186	172*	178*

*excluding Bishop's nominees