



## DIOCESAN SYNOD

### Co-Options House of Laity Only

1. The House of Laity are permitted to co-opt up to five members to the Diocesan Synod.
2. The Vice-Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and Chairs of the Diocesan Council of Trustees' sub-committees are nominated and co-opted to the Diocesan Synod if they have not been formally elected previously. This ensures that Diocesan Synod representation is clearly embedded within the Diocesan Governance Structures.
3. The current Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, Alan Saunders, has announced that he will be stepping down following the July Diocesan Synod. Bishop Christopher has invited the Vice-Chair, Sir David Beamish, to serve as the Chair following this.
4. In addition, Sarah Docx, currently a member of the Policy & Finance Committee and Investment Committee, has been invited to become Vice-Chair of the DBF. Both Sir David and Sarah were formally elected at the Board's (DBF) AGM in May.
5. Sir David Beamish is already a Diocesan Synod member and will become an ex-officio member when he takes on his new role as Chair. As is convention, and in line with the Diocesan Governance Framework, it is important that the Vice-Chair (who is not currently a Synod member) is appointed to serve on Diocesan Synod.
6. Sarah's term on the Diocesan Synod will conclude with the end of the current triennium, or if she ceases to be Vice-Chair of the DBF.
7. The Chair of the House of Laity, Adrian Greenwood, to move that:  
"the House of Laity are asked to agree the co-option of Sarah Docx to the Diocesan Synod"