

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN SYNOD

1st November 2025

Deanery Synod Elections 2026

The triennial elections of parochial representatives of the laity to Deanery Synods fall due in 2026. These representatives are elected at the Annual Parochial Meeting and will hold office for a term of three years beginning on 1st July following their election.

Rule 19(2) of the Church Representation Rules states:

The numbers to be so elected from each parish is determined by resolution of the diocesan synod not later than 31st December in the year preceding the elections.

A diocesan synod may calculate the number of representatives from a parish by reference to the numbers of names on the rolls of the parishes as certified under rule 10, by reference to the number of parish churches or districts in each parish, or by a combination of both those methods.

Our present arrangements are as follows:

- (a) 1 representative for parishes under 26 names on the electoral roll;*
- (b) 3 representatives for parishes with 26 - 200 names on the electoral roll;*
- (c) 1 additional representative for each further 100 names or part of 100;*
- (d) 1 additional representative from each authorised District Council*

Unless there is a strong feeling that these arrangements need to be altered further the recommendation is that Synod endorse the current arrangements as set out above as the basis for elections to deanery synods in 2026.

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October 2025