

Volunteer Opportunity

The Diocese of Coventry is looking for new members to join the Parsonages Committee. Serving on a Committee can offer the opportunity to use your skills and interests to help the diocese in its mission of Worshipping God, Making New Disciples and Transforming Communities.

What skills or experience do I need?

There are no specific skills, experience or qualifications required. Perhaps you have an interest in housing, or sustainability, or would like to help ensure good clergy wellbeing via the provision of a high-quality housing service. Whatever your interest, we would be delighted to hear from you.

What is the time commitment?

Members are elected for three years, from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025.

The Committee meets at least three times each year. Meetings are normally held on weekday afternoons in the Diocesan Office in Coventry. During lockdown, meetings were held via zoom. The format of future meetings has not yet been finalised, there is potential scope for meetings to continue online. Travel expenses are reimbursed.

How do I join?

Nominations must be proposed and seconded by current members of Diocesan Synod.

Completed nomination forms should be returned by elections@coventry.anglican.org by **4pm on Thursday 26 May**.

If there are more candidates than spaces, a vote will be held in June.

What does the Parsonages Committee do?

The primary objective of the Parsonages Committee is to ensure that housing provided for Diocesan clergy is of a good standard, and that necessary repairs and improvements are undertaken in a cost effective and timely manner.

The Committee's tasks include:

- Review of the annual proposed housing budget
- Appointment of the Diocesan Surveyor
- Monitoring the state of repair of clergy housing, via review of interregnum and quinquennial inspection reports
- Review of repairs and improvements
- Ensuring the Clergy Housing Guide is published and maintained
- Review of sustainability improvements, in line with the diocesan target of net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

Diversity

We recognise that our current committee memberships are not always fully representative of the areas we serve in terms of age, gender and ethnicity, and would be particularly pleased to hear from women, people under 40 and those from a UKME/GMH background. The perspective of clergy spouses or family members would also be very welcome.

Who needs to be elected?

- Three clergy licenced or benefited in the Diocese
- Three lay people, who must be on the electoral roll of a parish in the Diocese

Those standing need to be nominated and seconded by current members of Diocesan Synod.

For more information about the work of the Parsonages Committee

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For any queries about the nomination or election process, contact elections@coventry.anglican.org