



Vacancy in See Committee

The Vacancy in See Committee is a standing committee of Diocesan Synod and is always in existence. However, the Committee only becomes active should there be a vacancy in the See of Coventry - ie. when a new Bishop of Coventry needs to be selected. There is a casual vacancy for one elected lay member.

About the Committee

The Vacancy in See Committee has two key tasks in the event of a vacancy:

- To write a Statement of Needs for the diocese (a document similar to a parish profile). The Statement of Needs is drafted following considerable consultation across the diocese, engaging as many people as possible.
- To elect diocesan representatives to the Crown Nominations Commission, the body who shortlist and interview prospective Bishops.

What is the commitment?

The Committee needs to be in existence at all times but only meets should there be a vacancy. Membership runs from the date of appointment until 31 December 2027.

Who needs to be elected?

One lay member, elected by Diocesan Synod.

Who can be elected?

- Lay individuals who are actual communicants on the electoral roll of a parish within the Diocese of Coventry. You do not need to be a diocesan synod or deanery synod member.
- A person may not be elected to this casual vacancy if an existing committee member has a relevant connection with the same parish. This restriction has been approved by General Synod in order to wider representation.
- Candidates must be proposed and seconded by current diocesan synod members (clergy or laity)

Interested?

Complete the nomination form and send to elections@coventry.anglican.org by **1pm on Thurs 26 Feb**. Nominations must be proposed and seconded by diocesan synod members. The nomination form can be downloaded from the diocesan website [here](#)