**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN SYNOD**

**Bishop's Council / Diocesan Board of Finance /**

**Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee (****BC/DBF/DMPC)**

The Bishop's Council (BC) is a body of direct advisers to the Bishop.

It has the duty of preparing and agreeing agendas for the Diocesan Synod, to which it acts as Standing Committee. On major matters, particularly issues referred to the Diocesan Synod by the General Synod, the Council may set up working groups from its members. The BC’s role is essentially strategic - looking forward and giving advice to the Bishop on the future of the diocese, its structure, its objectives, its finances.

This BC is also the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF), exercising a policy-forming oversight of the Diocese’s financial resources. And, that by virtue of being also the Diocesan Board of Finance, members are therefore directors of the company and charity trustees. The BC/DBF will advise the Synod on the annual budget and will present the annual report and accounts.

The BC/DBF also acts as the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee (DMPC).

There is a requirement for the majority of the members of the BC/DBF/DMPC to be lay. Of the 8 ex­-officio members (Bishop, Dean, Archdeacons, Diocesan Secretary, Chairmen of the House of Clergy and House of Laity) 6 are clergy; so to get the overall balance right the majority of the elected members must be lay. There is, additionally, 1 member nominated by the Bishop usually the Chair of the DDFC who is a lay person at this time.

The BC/DBF/DMPC will normally meet about 8 times a year. Individual members are likely to find themselves invited to be members of working groups.

The Synod is to elect, by Houses:

7 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF CLERGY OF THE SYNOD (1 per deanery)

11 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF LAITY OF THE SYNOD (at least 1 per deanery)

Candidates **must be** Diocesan Synod members

Please use the nomination form below, and return to the Diocesan Office

**not later than 12.00 NOON on WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2024**

**Bishop's Council/Diocesan Board of Finance /**

**Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee**

**Nomination Paper - House of Laity**

Please write in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Candidate's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Nominees* ***must******be*** *a Laity Member of Portsmouth Diocesan Synod*

Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Candidate’s Deanery \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Proposer’s Full Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Proposer* ***must******be*** *a Laity Member of Portsmouth Diocesan Synod*

Proposer’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (House of Laity)

Seconder’s Full Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Seconder* ***must be*** *a Laity member of Portsmouth Diocesan Synod*

Seconder’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(House of Laity)

Please return this form Jane Dobbs, Synod & Office Services Support Manager, via email [jane.dobbs@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:jane.dobbs@portsmouth.anglican.org) or at the address below

*If you want to nominate more than one candidate,*

*please use a separate piece of paper*