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To: Members of Diocesan Synod

Deanery Synod Elections 2017 - Lay Representation

Deanery Synod elections take place in 2017. The Church Representation Rules state:-

Rule 25(1)

The parochial representatives of the laity elected by annual meetings shall be so elected every three years, and shall hold office for a term of three years beginning with the 1 June next following their election.

Rule 25(2)

The numbers to be so elected from the several parishes shall be determined by resolution of the diocesan synod not later than the 31 December in the year preceding any such elections, and those numbers shall be calculated by reference to the numbers of names on the rolls of the parishes as certified under rule 4 or the number of parish churches or districts in each parish or a combination of both such methods, in each case in such manner as the diocesan synod shall determine provided that such resolution shall not make it possible for a parish with fewer than twenty-six names on the roll to have more than one representative.

The formula, current and proposed and in accordance with the above, is as follows:

Number on Electoral Roll	Representation 1 parish church	Representation 2 parish churches	Representation 3 or more parish churches
1 - 25	1	1	1
26 - 200	2	3	3
201 - 300	3	4	4
301 - 400	4	5	6
401 - 500	5	6	7
over 500	6	7	8

Synod needs to agree a formula for use in the 2017 elections at its meeting on Saturday 05 November 2016.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary