

Paper 6:**Vacancy in See Update**

The Vacancy in See Committee met for its first meeting on 4th February 2021. Following that meeting the Consultation process has begun which includes a survey circulated round the diocese and to church schools. There is also a series of meetings been held in deaneries and with other groups across the diocese. The closing date for responses to the survey and for receipt of the information from those chairing the meetings is noon on Wednesday 10th March 2020. These responses will be collated ready for the main meeting of the Vacancy in See Committee on 11th March 2021. At that meeting the committee will consider the feedback in relation to the needs of the diocese and the qualities we might be looking for in our next Bishop to support them in their preparation of the Statement of Needs documentation.

The Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, Caroline Boddington and the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary, Richard Tilbrook are also conducting consultations during week commencing 8th March 2021. As circulated in the E Bulletin they can be contacted by email before 12th March 2021 if anyone wishes to make suggestions as to possible candidates or reflect on the needs of the Diocese.

At the main meeting of the Vacancy in See on 11th March, members of that group will elect 6 representatives from their number to represent the Diocese on the Crown Nominations Committee (CNC). Those nominated will join national representatives on the to begin the discernment and selection process for our next Bishop. That process will run through until the end of July 2021.

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