**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN SYNOD**

**Elections to Vacancy-in-See Committee**

The Vacancy-in See Committee has a role to play only, as its name implies, when there is a vacancy and a new bishop is to be appointed but it has to be constituted afresh each 3 years when a new Diocesan Synod has been elected.

When summoned, the Committee draws up a statement of the needs of the Diocese, with factual information about the characteristics of the Diocese and its internal organisation.

It also elects 6 from its own membership, of which 3 must be lay and only 1 may be a member of the Bishop’s Senior Staff, to be members of the Crown Appointments Commission, which has the duty of proposing 2 names to the Prime Minister.

A number of members of the Committee are ex-officio:

All Suffragan Bishops

Assistant Bishops, who are both in full time stipendiary service

and members of the diocesan House of Bishops

Dean of Cathedral

2 Archdeacons of the diocese

The Proctors in Convocation

The Members of the House of Laity of the General Synod

The Chairman of the House of Clergy of the Diocesan Synod

The Chairman of the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod

The Bishop’s Council of the diocese may nominate not more than 4 additional persons who reflect a special interest in the diocese or whose nomination is in the opinion of the Bishop’s Council appropriate in order to secure a better reflection of the diocese as a whole. The Diocesan Synod is to elect, by Houses:

3 CLERGY (1 from each Archdeaconry)

6 LAITY (2 from each Archdeaconry, and

on the electoral roll of a parish in the Diocese)

**Candidates need NOT themselves be members of the Diocesan Synod**.

If an election is necessary, it will be by the single transferable vote (STV) method.

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

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

**VACANCY–IN–SEE COMMITTEE**

**Nomination Paper - House of Laity**

Please write in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

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

*Nominees* ***need not 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*