# The Vacancy in See Committee

The **Vacancy in See Committee** is a statutory committee, which has a permanent existence but only meets during a vacancy in see, i.e. when there is a vacancy in the diocesan archbishopric.

The role of the Vacancy in See Committee is:

* to prepare a brief description of the Diocese
* produce a statement setting out the desired profile of the new Archbishop of Canterbury
* to elect the diocesan representatives to the Crown Nominations Commission

Nominations are sought for a new term of office for the Canterbury Vacancy in See Committee for the selection of the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

You do not have to be a member of Diocesan Synod to stand. Anyone fulfilling the following criteria can be elected:

**Clergy**

* is a clerk in holy orders licensed or beneficed in the Diocese

**Laity**

* Are a communicant who is aged 16 and over and whose name is on the roll of a parish in the diocese, whose name is on the community roll of the cathedral church of the diocese which is not a parish church or who is declared by the leader of a mission initiative in the diocese to be part of the worshipping community involved in the initiative

Anyone seeking nomination must be proposed and seconded by a member of Diocesan Synod. No previous experience is required - enthusiasm and commitment are welcome.

# Information and Nominations

**Nomination papers should be emailed to elections@diocant.org, or sent to arrive at Diocesan House by, no later than midday on 24 February 2025. The election will be run by Civica.**

# Vacancy-in-See Committee

## What does it do?

The task of the Committee, should the need arise, is to assist in the procedure of appointing a new Archbishop of Canterbury or Bishop of Dover. It advises the Crown Nominations Commission of the General Synod on the needs of the Diocese.

The Vacancy-in-See Committee will elect up to three people, of which at least two will be Laity, to serve on the Crown Nominations Commission which holds the responsibility for choosing the Archbishop and six people, of which at least three must be Laity, when choosing the Bishop of Dover.

## When does it meet?

The Committee meet as and when required but it is expected there will be a minimum of two meetings but likely more. A full schedule of meetings will be provided as soon as possible.

## Who is on the Committee?

Ex-officio members are the Archbishop (if appropriate), the Bishop of Dover (if appropriate), the Provincial Episcopal Visitors, two Archdeacons, the Dean of Canterbury, General Synod Representatives, the Diocesan Synod Lay Chair and the Diocesan Synod Clergy Chair.

The Vacancy-in-See Committee for the triennium requires 18 elected positions; 6 clergy and 12 laity, in addition to the ex-officio membership.

Our Vision:

Changed Lives -> Changing lives

**By God’s grace we want to be a people who are…**

…confident & creative disciples of Jesus Christ

…rooted in scripture and drenched in prayer

…living gratefully, giving generously, caring for creation & sharing the gospel

…growing in numbers and expectations – of God & ourselves

…motivated by justice and love, open to the Spirit and ready for adventure!

# Elections to the Vacancy in See Committee

## Contact Details of Nominee

Surname: …………………………………………………………………………………………

Title: ……………………………………………………………………………………………….

Christian Names: ……………………………………………………………………………..

Address: …………………………………………………………………………………………. ……………………………………………………………………………………………………….

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**Nominees are invited to supply a short statement to be printed/shared with eligible voters – if needed (250 words max)**

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Proposer's Email Address: ………………………………………………………………….

Proposer's Telephone No:…………………………………………………………………

Seconder's Full Name:……………………………………………………………………….

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**Please confirm, by ticking the below statement, that you have the Proposer's and Seconder’s permission to nominate you for election:**

I confirm that I do have the Proposer's and Seconder’s permission to nominate me for election

## Signing of Document

**Please print your name, date and sign the below section of this form.**

Printed Name: …………………………………………………………………………………

Date of Completion: …………………………………………………………………………

Signature: ………………………………………………………………………………………