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Dear Colleague

## **ELECTIONS TO SYNODICAL COMMITTEES**

Firstly, may I welcome you as a member of the new Diocesan Synod (whether re-elected or elected for the first time) and thank you for your willingness to be involved in its work.

Following the elections conducted by Deanery Synods, the three-year term of office of the new Diocesan Synod commenced on 1 August 2018. A list of the current membership is enclosed.

The first meeting of the new Diocesan Synod will take place on the morning of Saturday 10 November 2018, during which the members of the Synod will be commissioned by the Bishop. Prior to the meeting a set of papers will be sent out to you by email to your address shown at the top of this letter if we have an email on record for you: these papers will include details of the venue and timing of the meeting. Please let me know if receipt of the papers by email will present you with a particular difficulty.

You may also find it useful to note that meetings of the Synod next year are currently planned for Saturdays 16 March, 8 June (although this is a reserve date and is unlikely to be required) and 9 November. Please prioritise these dates in your diary now.

A first task for the new Synod is the election of the Vice-Presidents and of the members of a number of synodical committees. Accordingly, enclosed are nomination forms for the positions listed in the table overleaf.

Position/Committee	Numbers to be elected		Period of term	Starting date
	Of Clergy	Of Laity		
Chair of House of Clergy <sup>1</sup>	1		3 years	1 August 2018
Chair of House of Laity <sup>1</sup>		1	3 years	1 August 2018
Bishop's Council	10 <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup>	3 years	1 December 2018
Committee for Social Responsibility	4	4	3 years	1 January 2019
Committee for Ministry	4	4	3 years	1 January 2019
Board of Patronage	3	5	6 years	1 January 2019
Vacancy-in-See Committee	2	4	3 years	1 January 2019

Position/Committee	Numbers to be elected		Period of term	Starting date
	Chester Archdeaconry	Macclesfield Archdeaconry		
Parish Share Appeals Committee	1	1	3 years	1 January 2019

Completed nomination forms must be received by me no later than **12 noon on Friday 28 September 2018**. Forms received after that time cannot be taken into account. Spare nomination forms are available on request from Joanne Ridley.

In all cases in which the number of candidates exceeds the number of seats, voting papers will be issued to all members in time to conduct an election (using the Single Transferable Vote (STV) method as laid down by General Synod) before the Diocesan Synod meets.

I do hope all of this is clear. If not, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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<sup>1</sup> Also a Vice Chair of the Diocesan Synod

<sup>2</sup> Half to be from each Archdeaconry