



Diocesan Synod

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| Paper Reference | 8 Formula for Deanery Synod Elections 2026 |
| Meeting and Date | 11 October 2025 |
| Paper Submitted by | Diocesan Secretary |
| What is required of this meeting? | Diocesan Synod is asked to approve. |

In the year preceding Deanery Synod elections, the number of lay representatives to be elected from each parish is determined by a resolution of the Diocesan Synod (Church Representation Rule 19 (2)).

Motion:

The Bishop to move on behalf of Bishop's Council that:

"This Synod resolves that the election formula for parochial representation for the triennium 2026 – 2029 should be as set out in the Diocese of Salisbury Rules of Deanery Synods as follows:

| Number on the electoral roll of the parish | Number of lay representatives to be elected to the relevant Deanery Synod |
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| 1 – 25 | 1 |
| 26 – 100 | 2 |
| 101 – 200 | 3 |
| 201 – 300 | 4 |
| 301 – 400 | 5 |
| 401 – 500 | 6 |
| 501 – 750 | 7 |
| 751 – 1000 | 8 |
| Over 1000 | 9 |

Notes

This formula applies to the numbers on the roll in the previous year to the year in which elections are held.

The actual number to be elected by each parish will be communicated to PCC Secretaries and Deanery Synod Secretaries by 31 December (Church Representation Rule 19 (4)).

The current Rules of Deanery Synods were approved by Diocesan Synod in February 2025.

Deanery synod representatives for the Channel Islands are elected in accordance with their own rules.