

REPRESENTATION IN THE DIOCESE – ST JOHN’S OPPORTUNITIES

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES 2020-2023

The number of lay representatives (i.e. not clergy), in each Deanery Synod is calculated according to the number on a church’s Electoral Roll. (ER)

St John’s ER was 378 in April 2019 and is entitled to five reps, more than most churches.

St John’s has only two reps.

Elections for 2020-2023 are now taking place in October 2020. Reps will serve on the new Edgbaston and Warley Deanery Synod. Reps are elected by church members on the Electoral Roll, and anyone on the Electoral Roll can stand for Deanery Synod.

It is not an onerous task - there are only three meetings each year. Most of us know little about the other churches in our Deanery, so joining the synod is a chance to meet and talk, discuss and debate with some of their members. Most importantly you are the face of St John’s to other churches in our area, and we have five opportunities for people to do this!

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPRESENTATION 2021-2024

Our new Deanery will likely be entitled to around 12 lay reps on Diocesan Synod, the next step up from Deanery. How do you become a Diocesan Rep?

Diocesan reps are elected from Deanery Synod members.

St John’s has one of these reps. (In the past we have often had two or three)

Elections to Diocesan Synod will be held next summer for the 2021-2024 term.

ST JOHN’S APCM ELECTIONS

To be represented at Deanery Synod level St John’s needs to elect its quota of Deanery reps at the APCM.

To have a voice at Diocesan level it is vital that we elect enough Deanery Synod reps to gain at least one candidate who is able and willing to stand for Diocesan Synod next year.

Deanery and Diocesan Synod members also serve on the PCC.

OBSERVATIONS

REPRESENTATION AT DIOCESAN AND DEANERY SYNODS

This enables official reports on diocesan activities to be brought to PCC by the reps each time it meets, which is a requirement. They are then published in the Round up to the congregation.

REPRESENTATION OF OUR CHURCHMANSHIP

Being a member of the Synods allows for our views to be discussed in breakout groups and from the floor; in making up the agenda via the Deanery, and occasionally speaking in debates.

AWARENESS OF MATTERS BROUGHT TO GENERAL SYNOD.

In the next few years important topics including those surrounding marriage, 'Living in faith and love'; and others such as climate change will be debated by General Synod. These debates are reported and discussed at Diocesan Synod and filter down to the congregation through the reporting process. .