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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 2021. A list of the current membership is enclosed.

The first meeting of the new Diocesan Synod will take place on the morning of Saturday 6 November 2021. Prior to the meeting a set of papers will be sent out to you by email if we have an email on record for you: these papers will include details of the venue and timing of the meeting if in person or the online joining details. 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 19 March, 11 June (although this is a reserve date and may not be required) and 5 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 ¹	1		3 years	1 August 2021
Chair of House of Laity ¹		1	3 years	1 August 2021
Bishop's Council	10 ²	10 ²	3 years	1 December 2021
Committee for Outreach	4	4	3 years	1 January 2022
Committee for Ministry	4	4	3 years	1 January 2022
Vacancy-in-See Committee	2	5	3 years	1 January 2022

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 2022

Completed nomination forms must be received by me (by email or post) no later than **12 noon on Friday 24 September 2021**. Forms received after that time cannot be taken into account. Spare nomination forms are available on request.

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) 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



George Colville
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¹ Also a Vice Chair of the Diocesan Synod

² Half to be from each Archdeaconry