

C6 DEANERY SYNODS

General

There are currently 19 deaneries in the Diocese, of varying size in respect of both area and population. Each has a Deanery Synod which brings together clergy and laity from each parish. The provisions relating to Deanery Synods are set out in CRR 24 - 29.

Functions

The functions of a Deanery Synod, as set out in the Synodical Government Measure 1969 are:

- (a) to consider matters concerning the Church of England and to make provision for such matters in relation to their deanery, and to consider and express their opinion on any other matters of religious or public interest, provided that no statement purporting to declare the doctrine of the Church be issued;
- (b) to bring together the views of the parishes of the Deanery on common problems, to discuss and formulate common policy on those problems, to foster a sense of community and interdependence among those parishes, and generally to promote in the Deanery the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical;
- (c) to make known and, so far as appropriate, put into effect any provision made by the Diocesan Synod;
- (d) to consider the business of the Diocesan Synod and particularly any matters referred to that synod by the General Synod, and to sound parochial opinion whenever it is required or it considers it appropriate to do so;
- (e) to raise any appropriate matters with the Diocesan Synod.

The Deanery Synod also has certain electoral functions:

- (a) it elects certain members of the Board of Finance;
- (b) its House of Clergy and House of Laity are required to elect members to the corresponding Houses of the Diocesan Synod every three years (2006, 2009 and so on);
- (c) the members of the House of Laity of the Deanery Synod are Diocesan Electors for the purpose of electing members to the House of Laity of the General Synod every five years (2005, 2010 and so on).

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