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ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF LAITY OF THE GENERAL SYNOD 2015-2020

TO : MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORATE

The General Synod of the Church of England was dissolved on 13 July 2015 and elections are therefore required for the new term of 5 years. The General Synod is the national debating and legislative body of the Church and its work will shape the life of the Church in the coming years. It is desirable that membership of the Synod reflects not only the broad range of views within the Church but also the rich ethnic and social diversity of contemporary society.

The Diocesan Synod has resolved that for the purpose of the elections to the House of Laity of the General Synod, there shall be one electoral area covering the whole diocese.

The election of **FIVE** representatives for the diocese is now required. The timetable for the elections is as follows:

By 12 Noon on Friday 4 September 2015

Nominations, complete with the necessary signatures and year of birth of the candidate must reach me at the address given below by 12 noon on **Friday 4 September 2015** and will be acknowledged upon receipt. A Form of Nomination is enclosed.

Details of the qualifications of electors and information about the elections are set out in the Notes on the back of the Nomination Form. Please read the Notes before completing a nomination form.

If more than **FIVE** persons are nominated, a poll will take place and voting papers will be issued on Friday 18 September, with instructions as to the method of voting.

Election Addresses to be submitted by 12 Noon on Friday 11 September 2015

All candidates have the right to have their *personal* election addresses sent out by the Presiding Officer. For this election, it has been agreed that all addresses will be copied and circulated by the Presiding Officer rather than individual candidates. Therefore all election addresses should be submitted on **one A4 sheet of paper only**, in a form suitable for photocopying in black and white.

Election addresses should be delivered to Holywell Lodge, 41 Holywell Hill, St Albans, AL1 1HE or by e-mail to lgriffiths@stalbans.anglican.org. It will be necessary for all **election addresses** to be in the hands of the Presiding Officer by **12 noon on Friday 11 September 2015** - i.e. seven days after the close of nominations. I am afraid it will not be possible for the Presiding Officer to send out election addresses received after that time.

Friday 9 October 2015

If a poll is needed, the closing date for receipt of Voting Papers at Holywell Lodge will be **Friday 9 October 2015 at 12 noon.**

Wednesday 14th October 2015

The *count* will take place at Holywell Lodge, 41 Holywell Hill, St Albans on **Wednesday 14 October 2015.**



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