



THE BISHOP OF ST ALBANS

The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith

**ELECTION OF DIOCESAN PROCTORS
TO THE CONVOCATION OF THE PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY
2015-2020**

**To the clergy of the Diocese of St Albans qualified to vote
(i.e. Beneficed Clergy, Clergy Licensed Under Seal and
Clergy holding PtO who serve on a Deanery Synod)**

20 July 2015

Dear colleagues

The General Synod of the Church of England was dissolved on 13 July 2015 and elections are therefore required for the new term of five 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 Provincial Registrar has now issued a Mandate to me, requiring me to cite the **FIVE** beneficed or licensed clergy or those holding PtO in the diocese who may be elected Proctors. The Mandate may be inspected at the Diocesan Registry.

Nominations to be made by 12 noon on Friday 4 September 2015

I therefore give you notice that **NOMINATIONS** of candidates duly signed by the proposer and seconder, together with the consent of the candidate, duly signed, should be sent to: The Presiding Officer, Holywell Lodge, 41 Holywell Hill, St Albans, AL1 1HE by **12 noon on Friday 4 September 2015**. A form of nomination for the purpose is enclosed. Please read the notes printed on the back of the nomination form, which include details of the qualifications of electors and other information.

If more candidates are nominated than are required to fill the number of representatives for the diocese, 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 by 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 14 October 2015

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

I ask you to consider prayerfully who you consider should represent the Diocese in this important task.

+ Alan St Albans