

**ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD**

**30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS 2018**

1. The numbers of members of both the House of Clergy and the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod have to be determined (within limits prescribed by the Church Representation Rules) by the Diocesan Synod. Accordingly, motions are put to the Diocesan Synod every three years with a recommendation from the Bishop's Council in respect of the next elections due.
2. It has been the practice in this Diocese for the Diocesan Synod to approve the numbers for the Diocesan Synod, as follows:

The Houses of Clergy and of Laity of the Deanery Synods in the Diocese shall each elect to the Diocesan Synod as nearly as possible 100 members.

The number of 100 shall be divided among the deaneries so that the number of clergy to be elected by the Houses of Clergy of the several deaneries shall be as nearly as possible proportionate to the number of members of those Houses, and the number of laity to be elected by the Houses of Laity of the several deaneries shall be as nearly as possible proportionate to the total number of names on the rolls of the parishes within the deaneries.

3. The Bishop's Council recommends that the numbers to be elected to the Diocesan Synod should be as set out above, and the Motion on the agenda paper reflects this recommendation.