DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS 2026

Vacancies *Post-March Appointments* *Nominations*

General Synod

CLERGY (16 members)			
Name	Elected by	First Elected	End of term
The Revd John Penman	Standing Committee	2026	2030
The Revd Simon Schofield	Diocesan Synod	2026	2030
The Revd Ollie Clegg	Diocesan Synod	2024	2028
The Revd Nicki McNelly	Diocesan Synod	2020	2028
The Revd Canon Dave Richards	Diocesan Synod	2019	2027
The Revd Ryan Bennett	Diocesan Synod	2024	2028
The Revd Christine Downey	Diocesan Synod	2024	2028
The Revd Canon John McLuckie	Diocesan Synod	2024	2028
The Revd Amy-Jo Philip	Diocesan Synod	2024	2028
AREA COUNCIL-NOMINATED			
The Revd Philip Blackledge	Borders	2026	2030
The Revd Jane MacLaren	Edinburgh Forth	2021	2029
The Revd Canon Dr Sophia Marriage	Edinburgh East	2024	2028
VACANCY	Edinburgh South		
The Very Revd John Conway	Edinburgh South West	2020	2028
The Revd Peter Harris	Mid & East Lothian	2025	2029
The Revd Susan Ward	West Forth	2021	2029
ALTERNATES			

LAY (16 members)			
Name	Elected by	First Elected	End of term
Lei Garcia	Diocesan Synod	2021	2029
Helen Mitchell	Diocesan Synod	2021	2029
Alan Baker	Diocesan Synod	2025	2029
Alistair Dinnie	Diocesan Synod	2025	2029
Ian Gardner	Diocesan Synod	2025	2029
Jennifer Floether	Standing Committee	2026	2030
Eckart Floether	Standing Committee	2026	2030
Ruth Stark	Standing Committee	2026	2030
Brannon Liston-Smith	Standing Committee	2026	2030
AREA COUNCIL-NOMINATED			
Tim Hatton	Borders	2024	2028
David Stevens	Edinburgh East	2023	2027
Steven Gillespie	Edinburgh Forth	2025	2029
Andrew Daye	Edinburgh South	2024	2028
Michael Wood	Edinburgh South West	2021	2029
Dr Vicki Clark	Mid & East Lothian	2021	2029
Duncan Sinnett	West Forth	2022	2030
ALTERNATES			
David Mannion	Standing Committee		

Diocesan-Elected Members of Provincial Bodies

Diocesan Appointments elected by Diocesan Synod for 4-year terms

Faith and Order Board: LAY VACANCY, The Revd Ollie Clegg

Mission Board: The Revd Christine Downey

Provincial Panel for Episcopal Elections: Canon Alistair Dinnie (LAY) (2024-2028) and The Revd Canon Dean Fostekew (2026-2030)

Diocesan Committees

Standing Committee Members (Diocesan Charity Trustees)

Membership - The Bishop who shall convene the Committee; A Vice Convenor who shall be a Lay person to be appointed by the Standing Committee from its membership. Two clerical and two lay members to be appointed by the Diocesan Synod. The Dean, Registrar, Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Treasurer and the Convenors of the Mission & Ministry and Finance & Management Committees

Bishop of Edinburgh, Convener *(Ex-officio)*
The Very Revd Frances Burberry, Dean *(Ex-officio)*

CLERGY
The Revd Rosie Addis (2019-2027) *(Synod appointee)*
The Revd David Dixon (2021-2029) *(Synod appointee) second term*
The Revd Canon Dr Sophia Marriage, Convenor, Mission & Ministry Committee (2023-2027) *(Ex-officio)*

LAY
Mr Ian Lawson, Diocesan Treasurer (*Ex-officio)*
Professor Wilson Poon, Diocesan Secretary; *(Ex-officio)*
Mrs Pippa Snell, Registrar (October 2024-2029) *(Ex-officio)*
Mr Robert O'Riordan, Convenor, Finance & Management Committee *(Ex-officio)*
Michael Wood (2024-2028) *(Synod appointee)*
Philip Sawyer (2026-2030) *(Synod appointee)*

Mission & Ministry Committee Members

Membership - A Convenor to be elected by the Diocesan Synod; The Bishop, Dean and the Diocesan Secretary; Three clerical and three lay people appointed by the Diocesan Synod

The Revd Canon Dr Sophia Marriage, Convenor (2019-2027)
The Bishop *(Ex-officio)*
The Dean *(Ex-officio)*
Diocesan Secretary *(Ex-officio)*

CLERGY
The Revd Lesley Penny (2025-2029) *(Synod appointment)*
The Revd Nicki McNelly (2024-2028) *(Synod appointee)*
The Revd Elizabeth O'Ryan, (2024-2028) *(Synod appointee)*
The Revd Christine Downey, Member of Provincial Mission Board *(co-option)*

LAY
Anne Martin (2022–2026) *(Synod appointee)*
Rachel Penman (2022–2026) *(Synod appointee)*
Shirley Green *(Synod appointee)*

Finance & Management Committee Members

Membership - A Convener to be elected by the Diocesan Synod; The Bishop, the Dean, the Diocesan Secretary and the Diocesan Treasurer; A representative of the Provincial Administration Board who is resident within the Diocese. Three clerical and three lay people to be elected by Synod.

Robert O'Riordan – Convenor *(Synod appointee)*
Diocesan Secretary *(Ex-officio)*
The Bishop *(Ex-officio)*
The Dean *(Ex-officio)*
Diocesan Treasurer *(Ex-officio)*

CLERGY
VACANCY *(Synod appointee)* *The Revd Russell Duncan* • *The Revd Emma Herd*
The Revd Matthew Rushton (2026-2030) *(Synod appointee)*
The Revd David Todd (2023-2027) *(Synod appointee)*

LAY
Mr Ian Kerry (2024-2028) *(Synod appointee)*
Anne McAlister (2019-2027) *(Synod appointee)*

Mr Kenneth Ramage (2024-2028) *(Synod appointee)*
Mr Alex Stewart, Convenor, Buildings Committee *(Co-opted)*

Cathedral Board

Mrs Anne McAlister

Diocesan Appointments

Diocesan Officers

Chancellor:	Mr Gavin McEwan (from December 2024)
Registrar:	Mrs Pippa Snell (from October 2019)
Secretary:	Professor Wilson Poon (2024-2029)
Treasurer:	Mr Ian Lawson (2018-2028)
Synod Clerk:	The Revd Canon Elizabeth O'Ryan (2025-2030)

Diocesan Auditor

Chiene & Tait (2023-2028)

Diocesan Staff

- Cathy Ballantine, Communications & Support Officer (2026 -)
- Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator (2012 -)
- Hannah Harcus, Bishop's & Dean's PA & Diocesan Protection Officer (2024 -)
- Caroline Miller, Finance & Support Officer (2025 -)