Diocese of Salisbury
Making Jesus Known

Role profile: Deanery Synod Member

Elected to represent their parish at the Deanery Synod, Deanery Synod Members are an important link to the diocese and national church governance.

Duties

The Deanery Synod Member will:

- Attend regular Deanery Synod meetings, representing their parish and reporting back to their Parochial Church Council (PCC) after each meeting
- Along with the Area Dean and Lay Chair, support the development of the deanery mission plan
- Establish and maintain links with members from other parts of the deanery for mutual encouragement and improved understanding
- Consider, if time allows, representing the deanery on Diocesan Synod or one of its sub-committees, such as Standing Committee and Mission and Pastoral Committee

Skills and qualities

A Deanery Synod Member is someone who:

- Is a committed member of their church community
- Understands, and has faith in, wider church governance structures
- Is a skilled communicator, able to connect with a wide range of stakeholders
- Can advocate for their parish whilst being able to see the bigger picture
- Is prepared to lead difficult discussions where necessary

Members of Deanery Synod must be on the electoral roll of their own worship community and are automatically members of the PCC.

We are committed to safeguarding across the Diocese of Salisbury. Each volunteer will be required to go through the safer recruitment process and relevant DBS check for their role.

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