

ST ALBANS DIOCESAN SYNOD**11 October 2025****Formula for Deanery Synod Elections 2026**

Part 3, Clause 19(2) of the Church Representation Rules states that 'The number of representatives to be elected from each parish is determined by a resolution of the diocesan synod no later than 31 December in the year preceding the elections'.

Elections for lay members of Deanery Synods will be held during APCMs in the spring of 2026, for the term of office from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029.

Members of Synod are therefore asked to agree the following formula for the election of lay representatives from parishes to deanery synods for the elections due in 2026:

No. of Names certified on the parish electoral roll for 2025	No. of representatives
Less than 35	1
35 and not more than 99	2
100 and not more than 199	3
200 and not more than 299	4
300 and not more than 449	5
450 and not more than 599	6
600 and over	7

The above formula was last revised in 2021 and has been agreed by Synod for the elections held in each triennium since then.

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