

## **DORCHESTER DEANERY SYNOD**

### **Role description for a Deanery Synod Representative**

To represent your parish at Deanery Synod meetings, and to report back from the Deanery Synod to the PCC<sup>1</sup>.

#### **Role Requirements:**

To be a person of integrity, called by God and elected by the APCM to represent your parish in a gracious, Christ-like manner; and to treat each member of the Deanery Synod with respect and dignity.

The term of office is for three years. All Deanery Synod members are automatically an ex-officio PCC member during that time, attending the meetings of the Deanery Synod each year and reporting back to their PCC.

To canvas opinions from the congregation, and through the PCC to feedback to the Deanery Synod.

To be fully involved in the work of the Deanery Synod, which considers all aspects of church life: initiatives being referred to it from the national church and Diocese; sharing information on the life of the church at a local level; making decisions on key policies affecting the Church in the Deanery

To elect General Synod members.

To elect to the Diocesan Synod House of Laity every three years and the General Synod's House of Laity once every five years.

To read and adhere to the Church of England's Safeguarding Policy, including Safer Recruitment and Training requirements; and to adhere to all other policies of the church. This includes a requirement for Deanery Synod members to complete Level 1 training available online at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

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<sup>1</sup> This role description must be read in conjunction with any guidelines and rulings issued by the Church of England regarding Deanery Synod representatives.