

Diocesan Synod Membership 2021 – 2024

Every three years, prior to the election of a new Diocesan Synod, the current Synod has to determine the number of members to be elected. The Church Representation Rules specify that:

- The number has to be not less than 100 and not more than 270
- There must be at least 2 clergy and 2 laity elected by each house of every deanery
- The numbers of the houses of clergy and laity are approximately equal

The proposed scheme has been approved by the Bishop's Council. The proposed ratio of clergy is now (1:8) and the ratio of laity is now 1:400, in order to bring potential membership of the houses of clergy and laity closer to parity.

The scheme is detailed below, the results of which are shown overleaf:

- Laity Ratio: 1 per 400 electoral roll members or part thereof
- Clergy Ratio: 1 per 8 clergy or part thereof
- Voting by simple majority

Diocesan Synod Membership Scheme 2021-2024

Deanery	Electoral Roll as at APCM 2019	Clergy as at 30/04/20	House of Laity reps	House of Clergy reps
Bolton	1,708	22		
Deane	1,334	13		
Walmsley	1,177	14		
total	4,219	49	11	7
Bury	1,418	20		
Radcliffe & Prestwich	911	17		
Rossendale	483	10		
total	2,812	47	8	6
Rochdale	1,020	16		
Heywood & Middleton	864	18		
total	1,884	34	5	5
Ashton-Under-Lyne	1,269	20		
Oldham East	1,797	23		
Oldham West	1,167	16		
total	4,233	59	11	8
Eccles	1,134	15		
Salford	790	17		
Leigh	915	15		
total	2,839	47	8	6
Ardwick	529	14		
Heaton	626	15		
North Manchester	588	15		
total	1,743	44	5	6
Hulme	882	25		
Stretford	880	20		
Withington	991	18		
total	2,753	62	7	8
Total membership to be elected by Deaneries	20,483	340	55	46

Lay ratio
400
Clergy ratio
8

Ex-officio	Lay	Clergy
General Synod	6	7
Others	3	5
Co-options (max 5 per house)	5	5

Total elected membership	69	63	132
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Bishop's Nominees	(Can be lay or clergy)	10
House of Bishops		3

Maximum membership	145
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