



# Inclusive Synod Election Campaign

## February 2026 bulletin

This year's Church of England elections are a **major opportunity** for those who care about a more inclusive, diverse and justice-shaped Church. Small actions now will have a **real impact** on the national direction of the Church in the years ahead.

This spring, **every parish** elects its Deanery Synod members. Those elected will vote in the General Synod elections this September – and many GS seats are won by only one or two votes. If you want a more inclusive Church, standing for Deanery Synod (or encouraging someone who will) is one of the simplest, most effective things you can do. You only need to be **on the Electoral Roll** – not on the PCC, and not approved by your vicar. (So even if you are on a different page from your church leadership, you can still stand and may get elected at your APCM. Attending the APCM will definitely help!)

*Inclusive Church* and *Together for the Church of England* are partnering to support inclusive Christians as voters, candidates and encouragers. *Together* for the Church of England's diocesan groups are also strategically discerning an appropriate balance of diverse candidates most likely to yield results and to avoid having too many candidates stand and splitting the inclusive vote unhelpfully.

**Not everyone needs to stand, but everyone can help.** Connect with *Inclusive Church* for vision, national resources and information about how this fits into the bigger picture beyond the CofE, and with *Together for the Church of England* for mobilisation of local networks, election support and an efficient and effective strategy.

**Small steps now add up to big change later.**

For more info [www.inclusive-church.org](http://www.inclusive-church.org) or [www.togethercofe.org.uk](http://www.togethercofe.org.uk)

