



The Cathedral Church of St James and St Edmund, Bury St Edmunds

## THE ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Vestry and  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on

**Tuesday 28 April 2026, 6.30 pm**  
**Edmund Room**  
**Agenda**

### **Vestry Meeting**

- 1 To elect two Churchwardens pursuant to the Churchwardens Measure 2021

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. To note apologies for absence
2. To approve the minutes of the APCM held on 8 April 2025
3. To receive a report from the Electoral Roll Officer
4. To elect 5 members of the Electoral Roll to Forum
5. To elect (up to) 5 members to Thingoe Deanery Synod
6. To appoint representatives to Churches Together
7. To appoint two representatives to the World Day of Prayer Committee
8. To note the Cathedral's Annual Report
9. Finance Report 2025
10. Dean's Report
11. AOB

Signed

The Reverend Canon Matthew Vernon  
Sub Dean and Canon Pastor



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### Notes

1. Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.
2. A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if –
  - a. his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;
  - b. he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);
  - c. he or she is at least 16; and
  - d. he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.
3. (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).  
(2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).  
(3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).  
(4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.  
(5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

### Notes

1. To be included in a year in which parochial representatives of the laity are to be elected to the Deanery Synod.
2. To be included in a year when a new Church Electoral Roll is prepared. Delete as applicable.
3. Or vice-chair of the parochial church council as the case may be (see rule M19(2) of the Church Representation Rules).