

## Standing Committee

The St Albans Diocesan Rules for Deanery Synods state the following:

### Rule 71. Membership of the Standing Committee

There shall be a Standing Committee of the Synod consisting of the Joint Chairmen, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary (if members of the Synod), Treasurer and not less than six persons elected by the members of each House in equal numbers from among their members. This committee shall have no power to co-opt additional members. The Secretary of the Deanery Synod shall be Secretary of the Standing Committee.

### Rule 72. Elected Members of the Standing Committee

Elected members shall retire on the election of their successors or on ceasing to be qualified. Elections shall be triennial and immediately after elections to the Synod. Voting shall be by Houses and procedure otherwise the same, with essential modifications, as for elections at an Annual Parochial Church Meeting but so that the outgoing Standing Committee shall make no nominations.

### Rule 73. Functions of the Standing Committee

The functions of the Standing Committee shall be:

- i. To plan the business of the Synod, to prepare the agenda for its sessions and to circulate to members information about matters for discussion;
- ii. To ensure that members are adequately informed on questions raised and other matters of importance to the Deanery;
- iii. To transact the business of the Synod when it is not in session, subject to any directions of the Synod;
- iv. To make such appointments as directed by the Synod;
- v. To carry out such other functions as the Synod may delegate to it.

Our vision is to see flourishing, Christ-centred communities inspiring people of all ages and backgrounds to discover God, grow in their relationship with Him and respond to His transforming love through serving others.

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In light of this and the current needs of the Deanery, it is felt that members of the Standing Committee should meet the following requirements:

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*Members of the Standing Committee should be computer literate:*

Communication is principally via email, documents are uploaded to member-only areas of the Deanery website and meetings may take place via video-conferencing technology.

*Members of the Standing Committee must support the Deanery Vision:*

Whilst members are expected to offer insights from the experience of their own churches, it is important that they also proactively and sensitively consider the situations of parishes which are not represented on this committee. We need people who can think strategically and who are focussed on keeping central the mission of the church in the whole Deanery.

*Members of the Standing Committee should be prepared to give time outside meetings to research and act upon matters of importance to the Deanery:*

There will be at least one meeting of the Standing Committee for every meeting of the Synod. In between meetings, Standing Committee members may be responsible for booking speakers or venues, contacting relevant Diocesan Officers about key matters and liaising with parishes about their needs and aspirations.