

THE CHURCH TIMES GUIDE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD

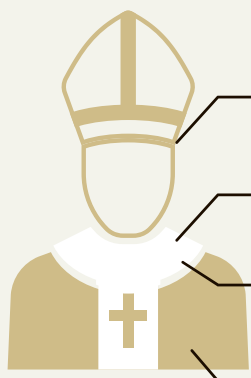
QUINQUENNIUM 2021-26 - UPDATED JULY 2022



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MEMBERS IN THE CURRENT SYNOD

THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS



- ALL DIOCESAN BISHOPS
- NINE ELECTED SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS
- THE BISHOP OF DOVER
- THE BISHOP TO THE ARMED FORCES

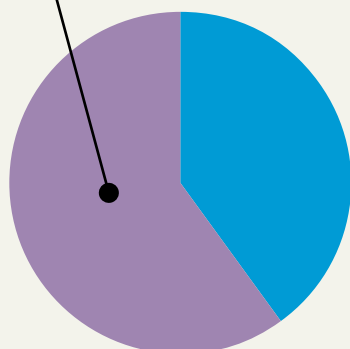
SESSIONS

HELD **2** OR SOMETIMES **3** TIMES A YEAR



60%

OF ELECTED MEMBERS ARE NEW TO THE SYNOD*



*CLERGY: 37% RE-ELECTED; LAITY: 40% RE-ELECTED

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FROM JULY 2022: 5 CLERGY AND 5 LAY UKME/GMH CO-OPTED MEMBERS SERVE ON SYNOD WITH FULL PARTICIPATION AND VOTING RIGHTS

THE HOUSE OF CLERGY



CLERGY FROM EACH DIOCESE (ELECTED FOR 5 YEARS, APPOINTED OR CHOSEN)

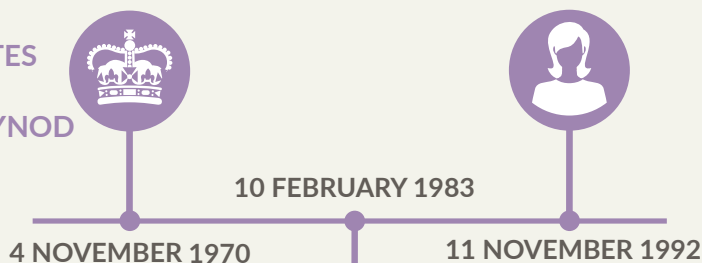
THE HOUSE OF LAITY



LAY MEMBERS FROM EACH DIOCESE (ELECTED FOR 5 YEARS OR CHOSEN FROM RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES, PLUS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS)

THE SYNOD VOTES IN FAVOUR OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

THE QUEEN INAUGURATES THE FIRST GENERAL SYNOD



TELEVISION CAMERAS ROLL AS A FOUR-HOUR DEBATE ON BRITAIN'S NUCLEAR DETERRENT GETS UNDER WAY

SOME VOTES REQUIRE ONLY AN OVERALL MAJORITY, OTHERS A MAJORITY IN EACH HOUSE



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CHURCH TIMES REPORTERS COVER EVERY DEBATE

WHAT DO WE TEACH ABOUT SEXUALITY?

WHAT DOES A "MIXED ECOLOGY" CHURCH LOOK LIKE?

HOW DO WE GET TO NET ZERO?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE WEALTH GAP?

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