

Report title	Deanery Membership Scheme 2026-2029
Report of	COO/DS & The Revd Alan Simpson (Diocesan Governance Manager)
Report to	Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod
Date	18 th September/11 th October 2025
Action	For approval
Background documents (for reference)	Report attached

Recommendation

Bishop's Council is asked to approve the Deanery Membership Scheme as outlined in this report, prior to them being presented to Diocesan Synod on Saturday, 11th October 2025. This is in accordance with the following stipulations as prescribed within the Church Representation Rules:

"(2) The number of representatives to be elected from each parish is determined by a resolution of the diocesan synod no later than 31 December in the year preceding the elections.

DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERSHIP SCHEME 2026-2029

Parochial representatives of the laity on deanery synods are elected by Annual Parochial Church Meetings every three years. The next elections are to take place in 2026 and those elected will hold office from 1st July 2026 until 30th June 2029.

The number of representatives to be elected from each parish is determined by the Diocesan Synod no later than 31st December 2025. The Church Representation Rules require that the number be related to the number of names on Electoral Rolls as declared at the 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meetings and specify that a parish with fewer than 26 names on the roll cannot have more than one representative. The Diocesan Synod is to exercise its powers such that the total number of members of any deanery synod shall not be more than 150 (except in those cases where a dispensation has previously been sought by the General Synod) and, so far as practicable, shall not be less than 50.

The potential lay membership indicated follows the same scheme that was approved by Diocesan Synod in October 2022. The Synod is asked to agree to the adoption of a scheme of membership which is proposed by the Bishop's Council and provides for the lay representatives to be appointed as follows:

Minimum	Maximum	Electoral Roll Representatives
0	25	1
26	75	2
76	125	3
126	200	4
201	300	5
301	400	6
401	500	7
501	1000	8

Synod representation by deanery

Deanery	Lay reps	Clergy reps	Total
Bolton	98	43	141
Bury and Rossendale	82	46	128
Manchester North and East	77	40	117
Manchester South and Stretford	85	73	158
Oldham and Ashton	119	35	154
Rochdale	60	30	90
Salford and Leigh	86	37	123

Synod representation by parish

BOLTON DEANERY

Parish	Mission Community	Electoral Roll	Deanery Reps
Blackrod, St Katharine	1	101	3
Bolton le Moors, St Bede	1	53	2
Daisy Hill, St James	1	59	2
Deane, St Mary the Virgin	1	199	4
Horwich, Holy Trinity	1	187	4
Horwich, St Catherine	1	43	2
Horwich, St Elizabeth	1	87	3
Lostock, St Thomas and St John	1	64	2
Rivington	1	73	2
Westhoughton, St Bartholomew	1	99	3
Wingates, St John the Evangelist	1	103	3
Bolton le Moors, St Peter	2	111	3
Bolton le Moors, St Philip	2	27	2
Halliwell, St Margaret	2	45	2
Halliwell, St Peter	2	341	6
Heaton, Christ Church	2	149	4
Lever Bridge	2	63	2
Tonge Fold, St Chad	2	NO DATA	1
West Bolton	2	219	5
Astley Bridge, St Paul	3	173	4
Belmont, St Peter	3	84	3
Bolton, St James (Breightmet)	3	54	2
Bradshaw, St Maxentius	3	135	4
Harwood, Christ's Church	3	112	3
Turton, St Anne	3	95	3
Walmsley, Christ Church	3	117	3
Clifton	4	83	3
Farnworth and Kearsley	4	114	3
Kearsley Moor, St Stephen	4	70	2
Little Lever, St Matthew	4	139	4
Seven Saints Team Ministry	4	120	3
Stoneclough	4	110	3
Tonge Moor, St Augustine	4	77	3
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BURY AND ROSENDALE DEANERY

Parish	Mission Community	Electoral Roll	Deanery Reps
Ainsworth, Christ Church	1	76	3
Hillock and Unsworth	1	110	3
Radcliffe, St Andrew	1	52	2
Radcliffe, St Mary	1	32	2
Radcliffe, St Thomas and St John	1	113	3
Stand, All Saints	1	121	3
Walshaw, Christ Church	1	52	2
Bircle, St John the Baptist	2	25	1
Bury, Roch Valley	2	105	3
Bury, St John with St Mark	2	54	2
Bury, St Mary the Virgin	2	194	4
Bury, St Paul	2	NO DATA	1
Elton, St Stephen	2	88	3
Kirklees Valley	2	67	2
Walmersley, Christ Church	2	60	2
Edenfield	3	73	2
Holcombe and Hawkshaw	3	150	4
Ramsbottom, St Andrew	3	56	2
Ramsbottom, St John and St Paul	3	52	2
Stubbins, St Philip	3	56	2
Tottington, St Anne	3	221	5
Bacup, Christ Church with St John	4	24	1
Constable Lee, St Paul	4	21	1
Edgeside, St Anne	4	98	3
Facit, St John the Evangelist	4	31	2
Goodshaw, St Mary and All Saints with Crawshawbooth, St John	4	51	2
Newchurch, St Nicholas with St John and St Michael	4	90	3
Rawtenstall, St Mary	4	62	2
Tunstead, Holy Trinity with Bacup, St Saviour	4	15	1
Whitworth, St Bartholomew	4	10	1
Kersal Moor, St Paul	5	120	3
Prestwich, St Gabriel	5	NO DATA	1
Prestwich, St Hilda	5	46	2
Prestwich, St Margaret (Holyrood)	5	76	3
Prestwich, St Mary	5	135	4
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MANCHESTER NORTH AND EAST DEANERY

Parish	Mission Community	Electoral Roll	Deanery Reps
Blackley, St Andrew	1	32	2
Blackley, St Paul	1	54	2
Blackley, St Peter	1	23	1
Cheetham, St John the Evangelist	1	NO DATA	1
Crumpsall, St Matthew with St Mary	1	54	2
Lower Crumpsall, St Thomas with Cheetham, St Mark	1	35	2
Moston, St John	1	31	2
Moston, St Mary	1	44	2
New Moston, St Chad	1	48	2
Blackley, Most Holy Trinity	2	40	2
Chadderton, Emmanuel	2	62	2
Collyhurst, The Saviour	2	32	2
Failsworth, The Holy Family	2	96	3
Harpurhey, Christ Church	2	88	3
Lightbowne, St Luke	2	19	1
Birch-in-Rusholme, St Agnes with Longsight, St John with St Cyprian	3	50	2
Clayton, St Cross with St Paul	3	70	2
Eastlands	3	50	2
Gorton with Abbey Hey	3	40	2
Gorton, Emmanuel	3	14	1
Gorton, St Philip	3	0	1
Higher Openshaw, St Clement	3	222	5
Longsight, St Luke	3	NO DATA	1
Manchester, Church of the Apostles	3	NO DATA	1
Miles Platting, St Cuthbert	3	27	2
Newton Heath	3	52	2
Victoria Park, St Chrysostom	3	80	3
Burnage, St Margaret	4	92	3
Heaton Chapel, St Thomas	4	53	2
Heaton Mersey, St John the Baptist	4	56	2
Heaton Moor, St Paul	4	62	2
Heaton Norris, Christ with All Saints	4	25	1
Heaton, Reddish, St Mary	4	54	2
Levenshulme, St Mark	4	36	2
Levenshulme, St Peter with St Andrew	4	45	2
Norris Bank, St Martin	4	109	3
North Reddish, St Agnes	4	41	2
Reddish, St Elisabeth	4	76	3
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MANCHESTER SOUTH AND STRETFORD DEANERY

Parish	Mission Community	Electoral Roll	Deanery Reps
Davyhulme, Christ Church	1	68	2
Davyhulme, St Mary the Virgin	1	224	5
Flixton, St John	1	64	2
Flixton, St Michael	1	130	4
Stretford, All Saints	1	55	2
Stretford, St Matthew	1	47	2
Urmston, St Clement	1	109	3
Chorlton-cum-Hardy, St Werburgh	2	38	2
Firswood and Gorse Hill	2	108	3
Moss Side, Christ Church	2	82	3
Moss Side, St James with St Clement	2	38	2
Old Trafford, St Bride	2	50	2
Old Trafford, St John the Evangelist	2	38	2
Rusholme, Holy Trinity	2	264	5
Whalley Range, St Edmund	2	86	3
Whalley Range, St Margaret	2	25	1
Withington, St Crispin	2	24	1
Brunswick, Christ Church	3	70	2
Hulme, The Ascension	3	74	2
Manchester, St Ann	3	102	3
Birch with Fallowfield	4	94	3
Burnage, St Nicholas	4	52	2
Chorlton-cum-Hardy, St Clement	4	69	2
Didsbury, St James and Emmanuel	4	290	5
Ladybarn, St Chad	4	60	2
West Didsbury, Christ Church and Withington, St Christopher	4	121	3
Withington, St Paul	4	88	3
Baguley, St John the Divine (Brooklands)	5	113	3
Benchill, St Luke	5	50	2
Lawton Moor, St Michael and All Angels	5	29	2
Northenden, St Wilfrid	5	63	2
Wythenshawe, St Martin with St Francis	5	26	2
Wythenshawe, St Richard of Chichester (Peel Hall)	5	25	1
Wythenshawe, William Temple	5	26	2
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OLDHAM AND ASHTON DEANERY

Parish	Mission Community	Electoral Roll	Deanery Reps
East Crompton, St James	1	168	4
High Crompton, St Mary	1	113	3
Shaw, Holy Trinity	1	77	3
Thornham, St James	1	85	3
Chadderton, St Mark	2	41	2
Chadderton, St Matthew and St Luke	2	100	3
Heyside, St Mark	2	103	3
Middleton Junction, St Gabriel	2	16	1
Oldham, St James with St Ambrose	2	41	2
Royton, St Anne, Longsight	2	91	3
Royton, St Paul	2	65	2
Balderstone, St Mary	3	51	2
Chadderton, Christ Church	3	125	3
Coldhurst, Holy Trinity	3	36	2
Failsworth, St John	3	80	3
Hollinwood, St Margaret and Limeside, St Chad	3	57	2
Lower Moor, St Stephen and All Martyrs	3	45	2
Oldham, St Mary with St Peter	3	86	3
Oldham, St Paul	3	42	2
Werneth, St Thomas	3	52	2
Clarksfield, St Barnabas	4	14	1
Glodwick, St Mark with Christ Church	4	NO DATA	1
Hey, St John the Baptist	4	147	4
Leesfield, St Thomas	4	128	4
Oldham, (Moorside), St Thomas	4	94	3
Waterhead, Holy Trinity	4	119	3
Denshaw, Christ Church	5	58	2
Dobcross, Holy Trinity	5	69	2
Friarmere, St Thomas	5	71	2
Friezland, Christ Church	5	72	2
Greenfield, St Mary	5	174	4
Lydgate, St Anne	5	70	2
Saddleworth, St Chad	5	153	4
Ashton-under-Lyne, Christ Church	6	49	2
Ashton-under-Lyne, The Good Shepherd	6	118	3
Bardsley, Holy Trinity	6	121	3
Hurst, St John the Evangelist	6	64	2
Mossley, St George	6	40	2
Roughtown, St John the Baptist	6	18	1
Stalybridge, St George	6	71	2
Audenshaw, St Hilda	7	31	2
Audenshaw, St Stephen	7	47	2
Denton, Christ Church	7	62	2

Denton, St Lawrence	7	54	2
Droylsden, St Andrew	7	33	2
Droylsden, St Martin	7	47	2
Droylsden, St Mary	7	101	3
Haughton Green, St Mary the Virgin	7	119	3
Haughton, St Anne	7	34	2
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ROCHDALE DEANERY

Parish	Mission Community	Electoral Roll	Deanery Reps
Langley	1	104	3
Middleton, St Leonard	1	55	2
Rhodes, All Saints	1	30	2
Thornham with Gravel Hole (St John)	1	90	3
Tonge-cum-Alkrington, St Michael	1	136	4
Castleton, St Martin	2	58	2
Heywood, St James	2	NO DATA	1
Heywood, St Luke	2	32	2
Heywood, St Margaret and Heap Bridge, St George	2	81	3
Hopwood, St John	2	49	2
Oakenrod, St George	2	40	2
Sudden, St Aidan	2	51	2
Ashworth, St James	3	42	2
Bamford, St Michael	3	47	2
Belfield, St Ann	3	28	2
Deeplish, St Luke	3	27	2
Healey, Christ Church	3	62	2
Kirkholt, St Thomas	3	16	1
Newbold, St Peter	3	NO DATA	1
Norden, St Paul	3	73	2
Rochdale, St Chad	3	57	2
Rochdale, St Mary in the Baum	3	26	2
Spotland, St Clement	3	61	2
Calderbrook, St James	4	17	1
Dearnley, St Andrew	4	72	2
Littleborough, Holy Trinity	4	41	2
Milnrow, St James	4	47	2
Newhey, St Thomas	4	64	2
Shore, St Barnabas	4	26	2
Wardle and Smallbridge	4	22	1
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SALFORD AND LEIGH DEANERY

Parish	Mission Community	Electoral Roll	Deanery Reps
Astley, St Stephen	1	92	3
Atherton and Hindsford	1	184	4
Bedford, St Thomas and All Saints	1	43	2
Howe Bridge, St Michael and All Angels	1	56	2
Leigh, St Mary the Virgin	1	66	2
Mosley Common, St John the Evangelist	1	59	2
Pennington, Christ Church	1	150	4
Tyldesley cum Shakerley, St George	1	37	2
Westleigh, St Paul	1	60	2
Westleigh, St Peter	1	46	2
Little Hulton, St John the Baptist	2	39	2
Peel, St Paul	2	53	2
Swinton, Holy Rood	2	62	2
Walkden Moor, St Paul	2	104	3
Worsley, St Mark	2	230	5
Barton with Peel Green, St Michael and All Angels with St Catherine	3	36	2
Cadishead, St Mary the Virgin	3	34	2
Eccles, St Andrew	3	34	2
Eccles, St Mary	3	45	2
Irlam, St John the Baptist	3	79	3
Monton, St Paul	3	64	2
Patricroft, Christ Church	3	28	2
Swinton and Pendlebury	3	234	5
Winton, St Mary Magdalene	3	56	2
Higher Broughton, St James	4	25	1
Hope, St James	4	42	2
Lower Broughton, St Clement with St Matthias	4	29	2
Lower Broughton, The Ascension	4	39	2
Lower Kersal, St Aidan	4	24	1
Ordsall and Salford Quays	4	22	1
Pendlebury, St John the Evangelist	4	61	2
Pendleton and Claremont	4	69	2
Salford, Sacred Trinity	4	29	2
Salford, St Paul with Christ Church	4	214	5
Salford, St Philip with St Stephen	4	81	3
Weaste, Seedley and Langworthy	4	30	2
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