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**To:** All PCC Secretaries (by email where possible)

**Copies to:** The Archdeacons )  
The Area Deans ) — together with deanery  
The Lay Deans ) lists for their own areas  
Deanery Synod Secretaries )

Dear PCC Secretary

### **Elections to Deanery Synods for 2020-2023**

I am writing to ask you to arrange for your annual parochial church meeting in 2020 to elect lay representatives to your deanery synod.

I attach a certificate of "Parochial entitlements to numbers of lay representatives to be elected" showing, for your deanery, the 2019 electoral roll figures for each parish (or the last available figure) and the number of lay representatives to be elected by each APCM. In a small number of parishes the number to be elected is based on the number of parish churches rather than the number on the electoral roll.

Immediately after your APCM, please inform your deanery secretary of the persons elected, using the enclosed certificate (please do not send these details to the Diocesan Office). Please make sure this is done by no later than **5<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

Newly elected members will hold office for three years beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. (The three-year term of office of the current lay representatives on deanery synods expires on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, having been extended by one month under the transitional arrangements for the new Church Representation Rules.)

A lay deanery synod member is automatically an *ex officio* member of the PCC.

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I would also like to highlight that lay members elected to the Deanery Synod will become the register of electors for the elections to the House of Laity of the General Synod to be held later this year. I will be writing separately to Deanery Secretaries about this in June.

If you have any queries about this please do not hesitate to contact me or Peter Evans at the Diocesan Office.

Finally, can I ask you to ensure that your incumbent is aware of these arrangements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick May', with a large, sweeping flourish on the left side.

Nick May  
Diocesan Secretary