



Lancelot Andrewes Deanery of Southwark and Newington

First Deanery Synod of the 2026 to 2029 Triennium

Thursday 24 September 2026, 6:30pm | St Paul's, Lorrimore Square, SE17 3QU

Purpose of the evening: To constitute the new Synod, help members understand and shape its purpose, encourage informed participation in the General Synod election, and begin identifying work our parishes can undertake more effectively together.

Agenda

6.15pm — Separate meeting of the House of Laity

1. Election of Deanery Lay Chair

- Welcome and explanation of the election procedure
- Receipt of nominations
- Election of the Lay Chair for the 2026–2029 triennium

This meeting will be chaired by a member of the House of Laity appointed by the Area Dean. Clergy members are not required to attend.

6.30pm — Deanery Synod

1. Opening and worship

- Evening Prayer
- Welcome to the new triennium
- Introduction of new Deanery Synod representatives
- Apologies for absence
- Declarations of interest
- Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
- Matters arising not otherwise covered by the agenda

2. Governance and appointments

- Formal announcement of the election of the Deanery Lay Chair
- Appointment of the Deanery Synod Secretary
- Appointment of the Deanery Treasurer
- Determination of the membership of the Standing Committee and, if required, election of additional members
- Confirmation of the membership of the Deanery Leadership Team
- Adoption of the Deanery Synod Model Rules 2026–2029. *Motion: That the Lancelot Andrewes Deanery Synod of Southwark and Newington adopts the Deanery Synod Model Rules 2026–2029, approved by Southwark Diocesan Synod on 8 July 2026, as the rules governing the conduct of its business.*

3. Thanksgiving

- Thanksgiving and formal vote of thanks to Bett Llewelyn and Keith Potter for their service to the deanery.

4. Orientation and responsibilities

- The purpose of Deanery Synod and the role of its members
- Southwark Vision 2024–2035 and priorities for the deanery
- Safeguarding responsibilities of Deanery Synod members
- Basic Awareness, Foundation and Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse training
- Three-yearly refresher requirements
- Arrangements for checking and recording completion

5. General Synod elections

- What General Synod does
- The role of Deanery Synod members as electors
- Introduction to the candidates and election process
- Voting timetable and how to make an informed choice
- Looking ahead to the Diocesan Synod elections in 2027

6. Financial business

- Report on the Deanery's current financial position
- Overview of Parish Support Fund pledges and contributions
- Any decisions or actions required

7. Any Other Business

- Substantive matters should be notified to the Area Dean, Lay Chair or Secretary in advance.

8. Closing

- Forthcoming dates
- Summary of agreed actions
- Closing prayer and the Grace

Meeting to finish by 9pm