



## **A QUICK GUIDE – ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DEANERY SYNOD REPS**

### **The Deanery Synod**

- The Deanery Synod is a statutory body in the Church of England. Each deanery synod consists of the licensed clergy of the Deanery; the lay parochial representatives elected by the annual parochial church meetings of each parish in the Deanery, and ex officio (General and Diocesan Synod) members.
- Deanery Synods have a significant role in the synodical system of the Church of England, and as such contribute to the shape and direction of the Church. They are located between PCC's and Diocesan and General Synod. They are also responsible for the election of members to both the Diocesan and General Synods.
- The Deanery Synod will receive information from Diocesan and General Synod and will be given an opportunity to look at the important issues which are discussed within those synods.
- The Deanery Synod will share expertise and knowledge between local churches as well as raise concerns and problems.

### **As a member of Wycombe Deanery Synod you will be committed to:**

- Living and growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ and being an active participant in the prayer, worship and mission of the Church.
- Representing your parish on the Deanery Synod and also the Deanery on your Parochial Church Council.
- Working with the Deanery to ensure that parish mission is viewed as a priority on PCC's. Working to ensure that the PCC looks closely at the parish mission plan.
- Working with the Deanery to develop both good communication and the sharing of ideas and resources between the parishes that make up the Deanery.
- Working with the Deanery to promote generous stewardship of gifts and resources.
- Electing and supporting the officers of the Deanery Synod and members of Diocesan and General Synods.