

# So, you're thinking of becoming a parish nominator



If you are considering standing for the role of a parish nominator, you may have a number of questions about the position. This document outlines some of the key roles and responsibilities of the position, as well as how to access more detailed information.

But first of all, thank you for your willingness to consider serving in this way. Parish nominators play a significant part in the health and good governance of our churches, and of the Diocese as a whole.

It is our prayer that should you be elected at the AGM, your time as a parish nominator will be a blessing not only to God's people, but to you also. May you be inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, who himself took "the very nature of a servant".

## What does a parish nominator do?

Parish nominators are lay members who represent the parish in the decision-making process that takes place to appoint a new rector, should a vacancy arise.

The parish can nominate up to five parish nominators, who sit on a Nomination Board – the body ultimately responsible for making a recommendation to the Archbishop. The other members of this board include:

- four diocesan nominators (two lay, two clergy) appointed by the Synod, and
- the regional Bishop or Archdeacon (who chairs the meetings of the board).

Parish nominators are not involved in the appointment of any other clergy or parish officers, just the rector.

The eligibility of someone to become a parish nominator is fairly straightforward and is set out in the [Nomination Ordinance 2006](#)

## Nomination Board meetings and nomination

Though the regional Bishop or Archdeacon chairs meetings of the Nomination Board (if present), he or she does not have voting rights.

When making a nomination to the Archbishop, the board can choose to nominate:

- one candidate alone, or
- two candidates in order of priority, or
- two or more candidates with no priority indicated.

Any resolution to nominate a candidate(s) can only be carried if endorsed by at least two diocesan nominators and three parish nominators.

## When you finish up

Parish nominators remain in their role until the next Annual General Meeting of the parish, unless you choose to resign the position sooner.

However, there are a number of other circumstances under which you would cease to be a parish nominator, including for example becoming an employee (or married to an employee) of the parish. Spouses can also not serve on the Nomination Board together.

## For more information

This document is intended as an overview only. You should consult the [Nomination Ordinance](#) for more extensive and detailed information. The [SDS website](#) also contains lots of information that will help you understand the role of a parish nominator.

And, of course, we encourage you to chat with someone who is either a current parish nominator within the Parish of Figtree or has recently served in the role.

Once again, thank you for your willingness to consider serving in this way and may God guide and bless you in your decision-making.