DIOCESAN DIGEST

A monthly look at what's happening across our Diocese.

DIOCESE OF COVENTRY

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RECOGNISED

Three children and youth ministers from Coventry Diocese were invited to an event at Lambeth Palace to be thanked for their contributions to the life of the Church. The event, part of RECOGNISE 2026, was hosted by Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and gathered together children and youth ministers from across the southern region of England to thank them for their work.

Those who attended were a mix of both volunteers and employed ministers, and represented ministry in deprived urban communities through to leafy rural villages, and everything in between. As part of the celebration they enjoyed afternoon tea and an address from Archbishop Sarah.



If you have something to share with the rest of the diocese, please contact the Comms team: Communications@Coventry.Anglican.org

NEW DEAN APPOINTED



Coventry Cathedral and Bishop Sophie have announced the appointment of the Revd Canon Andrew Dodd as the next Dean of Coventry.

Andrew is currently Canon Treasurer at Canterbury Cathedral, where he oversees major building projects across the Cathedral estate and leads its work on environmental sustainability and achieving Net Zero Carbon. We are looking forward to welcoming Andrew in November.

AUTUMN CONSULTATIONS

Work on our refreshed diocesan vision and strategy is continuing. This Autumn, we would love you to have a say in the next part of the emerging strategy journey as we look to shape our strategic priorities.

We are offering opportunities to engage at six consultation events which are happening at three venues across the diocese.
You are welcome to any of the following six events:

- St Edmund's, Shipston on Monday **7 September**, (3pm-5pm or 7pm-9pm)
- St Nicholas, Radford Semele on Wednesday **9 September**, (3pm-5pm or 7pm-9pm)
- St John's, Westwood on Monday **21 September**, (3pm-5pm or 7pm-9pm)

You can sign up for a consultation date by scanning the QR code to the right or on our website.

STAND for SYNOD

New clergy and lay members are being elected to General Synod this year – and you are invited to stand as a candidate. General Synod, the national assembly of the Church of England, shapes and approves laws that affect the whole of the Church of England. Those elected will serve for five years.

This is a fantastic opportunity to represent the concerns of your community and your diocese at a national level. Almost anyone who attends church regularly is likely to be eligible to stand as a 'lay member.' Find out more through link below.

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