

QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Diocesan Synod November 2021

James Pitkin, Romsey Deanery

1. To the Director of Operations:

Can a record be made, and included in the official Synod Records, of Supplementary Questions and their answers?

Response:

Thank you for this question which I am happy to agree to in the interests of ensuring greater clarity in the sharing of information with Diocesan Synod.

This request comes on top of other recent additional work requested and required of the Operations Team (which support Synod and our governance structures) such as the move from five Bishop's Council meetings a year to meeting monthly since June. I will therefore be keeping this area under review and will discuss any resourcing issues that arise with the Bishop's Council.

Michael Minton, Christchurch Deanery

2. To the Director of Operations:

The reorganisation of the Diocese and Deaneries is now entering its second year, is there a date when the details of the changes both at the Diocese and in the Deaneries will be published to Synod and in a new directory? As I asked previously will the allocation of stipendiary posts by deanery then be known and the numbers in relation to population based on the 2011 census and later on the 2021 census figures circulated?

Response:

I am grateful to Michael for this timely and important question.

The work to implement the changes is still very much ongoing, with multiple informal and formal consultation processes happening across the diocese. We remain very grateful to all the clergy and PCCs who have engaged with this difficult and challenging process. We must not, and are not, assuming the outcome of these consultation processes, with plans continuing to be adapted in response to local suggestions, comments, and proposals.

As each scheme is finalised, the online Diocesan Directory is updated accordingly to reflect the new parish/benefice structure and ordained leadership.

The table below is offered is an overview of what the deanery stipendiary clergy number would look like if all current proposals were to be implemented with the 2011 census data for comparison as requested. This is offered for information at this stage, with the significant caveat that plans may well change as discussions and processes continue. I would also stress that whilst population figures are significant, they are only one of the lenses used when considering issues of deployment.

Deanery	Pop. (2011 Census)	Stipendiary Clergy	House for Duty clergy	Pop/Clergy (HfD = 0.4)	Rank
Alresford	14,400	4.00	1.00	3,273	13.0
Alton	32,043	4.00	1.00	7,283	7.0
Andover	61,500	9.00	0.00	6,833	9.0
Basingstoke	130,000	11.00	0.00	11,818	4.0
Bournemouth	136,700	11.00	2.00	11,585	5.0
Christchurch	109,800	8.00	1.00	13,071	3.0
Eastleigh	130,900	10.00	0.00	13,090	2.0
Lyndhurst	117,600	14.00	2.00	7,946	6.0
Odiham	53,000	7.00	2.00	6,795	10.0
Romsey	44,400	7.00	2.00	5,692	11.0
Southampton	230,000	17.00	1.00	13,218	1.0
Whitchurch	24,900	6.00	2.00	3,662	12.0
Winchester	64,500	8.50	1.00	7,247	8.0
	1,149,743	117	15	9,386	

*Provisional summary of proposed stipendiary clergy per deanery as at November 2021
Figures are likely to change as formal consultation processes and local discussions continue.*