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Dear member of the Diocesan Synod

**Vacancy in See Committee 2016-2018**

Following the first round of nominations, which closed on 18 November, we still have:

- 2 clergy vacancies for the Buckingham Archdeaconry**
- 2 lay vacancies for the Dorchester Archdeaconry**
- 1 lay vacancy for the Oxford Archdeaconry**

I am accordingly inviting nominations for elected members of the Vacancy in See Committee to fill those vacancies.

The work of the Vacancy in See Committee is to prepare for the appointment of a new bishop, in the event that a vacancy should arise. Its function in that event would be like the role of a PCC preparing a parish profile, but on a diocese-wide scale. Its work (if it is needed) would require several meetings over a period of six months or so.

Its composition is largely *ex officio*, and many of the clergy and lay members are those who were elected to serve on the present General Synod. However, there is a requirement that each archdeaconry be more or less equally represented, and that there should be a number of directly elected members. Save for the remaining vacancies noted above, the Committee is now more or less complete.

However, if you would like to nominate someone you consider would be suitable in this role, please read the enclosed guidance notes carefully, approach the individual to ensure they would be willing to serve, then complete and return the enclosed nomination form to me by **12 o'clock noon on Monday 20 March 2017**. If an election needs to be run, I shall then circulate voting forms.

With all good wishes.

**Revd Canon John Rees**