

**Diocese of Oxford**

**General Synod**

**Clergy Casual Vacancy Election December 2018**

As you will be aware, the Reverend Philip Cochrane resigned as a member of General Synod for the Diocese of Oxford.

With the February General Synod session in mind, Philip resigned as a member of General Synod ahead of time so that a successor could be found for that meeting. As a result, a casual vacancy arose.

The eight remaining clergy members of General Synod were 'protected'.

In accordance with the Election Rules, the votes cast in this year's January election are recounted in these circumstances. The recount took place on Tuesday 18 December 2018 and the Reverend Andrew Lightbown has been elected to fill the casual vacancy.

The Reverend Andrew Lightbown will serve with the current members who are the Revd Samuel Allberry, the Revd Dr Andrew Atherstone, the Revd Canon Sue Booy, the Revd Prof Mark Chapman, the Revd Canon Charlie Cleverly, the Ven Martin Gorick, the Revd Canon Rosie Harper and the Revd Francis Orr-Ewing.

Congratulations to Mr Lightbown for being elected on this occasion.

**Canon John Rees**  
**The Presiding Officer**  
**18 December 2018**