

FORM OF RETURN OF ELECTION RESULT

DIOCESE OF CHESTER

ELECTION OF 7 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF LAITY TO REPRESENT THE DIOCESE IN THE GENERAL SYNOD

Held on the fifteenth day of October 2026.

I, the undersigned, being the presiding officer for the election of members of the House of Laity for the diocese.

CERTIFY THAT the persons whose names are listed below have been duly elected in the diocese.

Stage at which elected	Surname (alphabetical order)	Full Christian Names	Title [and post-nominal letters]	Address – including postcode	Email address	Year of Birth
5	Allotey	Janette	Dr	n/a	alloteyjanette@gmail.com	1957
1	Bruce	Fiona	Canon	3 Grappenhall Road, Stockton Heath, Warrington, Cheshire WA4 2AH	fbruce@fionabruce.co.uk	1957
6	Dowen	Alan	Dr	17 Brookside, Ashton Hayes, Chester CH3 8BZ	alan.dowen@me.com	1950
4	Masters	Jonathan	Mr	n/a	jp_masters@hotmail.com	1989
7	Richbell-Brown	Winsome	Mrs	n/a	winsomerb@outlook.com	1964
2	Wilson	Samuel	Mr	Bowdon Parish Centre, WA14 2TR	s.wilson989@gmail.com	1998
3	Woods	Deborah	Miss	10 South Downs, Knutsford WA16 8ND	debbiewoods67@gmail.com	1967

Dated this fifteenth day of October 2026

Signed *Carol Bue*
(Presiding Officer)

Papers Issued	575
Papers returned	337
Spoilt Papers	0
Percentage Poll	58.6%

PLEASE ATTACH FULL RESULT SHEET

A copy of this return of election result and the result sheet (showing full voting figures) should be sent to every candidate in the election and to the Clerk to the General Synod (Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ).

Election of Members of the House of Laity

Reusing random seed.

Stage 1

Quota = 42.13

BRUCE, Fiona ELECTED

With 106.00 over quota 42.13

WILSON, Samuel ELECTED

With 46.00 over quota 42.13

Stage 2

No candidates can be excluded, so we transfer the largest surplus

Surplus of BRUCE, Fiona

13 papers non transferable.

93.00 transferred

This is more than the surplus of 63.87

So ballot papers given a new value of 0.68

Transfer from BRUCE, Fiona: 93 at 0.68 = 63.24

Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 8 at 0.68 = 5.44

Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 9 at 0.68 = 6.12

Transfer to HERMITT, David: 8 at 0.68 = 5.44

Transfer to JAMES, Nigel: 3 at 0.68 = 2.04

Transfer to JOHNSON, Princy Linnet Dorothy: 3 at 0.68 = 2.04

Transfer to LANCASTER, John Anthony: 5 at 0.68 = 3.40

Transfer to MASTERS, Jonathan: 6 at 0.68 = 4.08

Transfer to MUNN, Nick: 2 at 0.68 = 1.36

Transfer to PSCHIERER-BARNFATHER, Michaela: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68

Transfer to PUGH, Elizabeth: 9 at 0.68 = 6.12

Transfer to RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome: 10 at 0.68 = 6.80

Transfer to WOODS, Deborah: 29 at 0.68 = 19.72

WOODS, Deborah ELECTED

With 55.72 over quota 42.13

Stage 3

No candidates can be excluded, so we transfer the largest surplus

Surplus of WOODS, Deborah

3 papers non transferable.

26.00 transferred

This is more than the surplus of 13.59

So ballot papers given a new value of 0.52

Transfer from WOODS, Deborah: 26 at 0.52 = 13.52

Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 2 at 0.52 = 1.04

Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 1 at 0.52 = 0.52

Transfer to JOHNSON, Princy Linnet Dorothy: 1 at 0.52 = 0.52

Transfer to LANCASTER, John Anthony: 5 at 0.52 = 2.60

Transfer to MASTERS, Jonathan: 2 at 0.52 = 1.04

Transfer to PUGH, Elizabeth: 2 at 0.52 = 1.04

Transfer to RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome: 13 at 0.52 = 6.76

Stage 4

No candidates can be excluded, so we transfer the largest surplus

Surplus of WILSON, Samuel

6 papers non transferable.

40.00 transferred

This is more than the surplus of 3.87

So ballot papers given a new value of 0.09

Transfer from WILSON, Samuel: 40 at 0.09 = 3.60

Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 14 at 0.09 = 1.26

Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 5 at 0.09 = 0.45

Transfer to HERMITT, David: 3 at 0.09 = 0.27

Transfer to JAMES, Nigel: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09

Transfer to MASTERS, Jonathan: 14 at 0.09 = 1.26

Transfer to MUNN, Nick: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09

Transfer to PSCHIERER-BARNFATHER, Michaela: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09

Transfer to PUGH, Elizabeth: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09

Stage 5**Excluding JOHNSON, Princy Linnet Dorothy**

Transferring papers worth 1.00
Transfer from JOHNSON, Princy Linnet Dorothy: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transfer to LANCASTER, John Anthony: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transferring papers worth 0.68
Transfer from JOHNSON, Princy Linnet Dorothy: 3 at 0.68 = 2.04
Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transfer to MASTERS, Jonathan: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transfer to PUGH, Elizabeth: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transferring papers worth 0.52
Transfer from JOHNSON, Princy Linnet Dorothy: 1 at 0.52 = 0.52
Transfer to JAMES, Nigel: 1 at 0.52 = 0.52

Stage 6**Excluding MUNN, Nick**

Transferring papers worth 1.00
Transfer from MUNN, Nick: 3 at 1.00 = 3.00
Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 2 at 1.00 = 2.00
Transfer to HERMITT, David: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transferring papers worth 0.68
Transfer from MUNN, Nick: 2 at 0.68 = 1.36
Transfer to JAMES, Nigel: 2 at 0.68 = 1.36
Transferring papers worth 0.09
Transfer from MUNN, Nick: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09
Transfer to HERMITT, David: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09

Stage 7**Excluding PSCHIERER-BARNFATHER, Michaela**

Transferring papers worth 1.00
Transfer from PSCHIERER-BARNFATHER, Michaela: 4 at 1.00 = 4.00
Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 2 at 1.00 = 2.00
Transfer to LANCASTER, John Anthony: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transfer to MASTERS, Jonathan: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transferring papers worth 0.68
Transfer from PSCHIERER-BARNFATHER, Michaela: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transferring papers worth 0.09
Transfer from PSCHIERER-BARNFATHER, Michaela: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09
Transfer to MASTERS, Jonathan: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09

MASTERS, Jonathan ELECTED

With 42.15 over quota 42.13

Stage 8**Excluding CLARKE, Clifford Jason**

Transferring papers worth 1.00
Transfer from CLARKE, Clifford Jason: 5 at 1.00 = 5.00
Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 2 at 1.00 = 2.00
Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transfer to HERMITT, David: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transfer to LANCASTER, John Anthony: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00

Stage 9**Excluding JAMES, Nigel**

Transferring papers worth 1.00
Transfer from JAMES, Nigel: 6 at 1.00 = 6.00
Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 3 at 1.00 = 3.00
Transfer to HERMITT, David: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transfer to Non-transferable: 2 at 1.00 = 2.00
Transferring papers worth 0.68
Transfer from JAMES, Nigel: 5 at 0.68 = 3.40
Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transfer to LANCASTER, John Anthony: 2 at 0.68 = 1.36
Transfer to PUGH, Elizabeth: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transfer to RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transferring papers worth 0.52
Transfer from JAMES, Nigel: 1 at 0.52 = 0.52

Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 1 at 0.52 = 0.52
Transferring papers worth 0.09
Transfer from JAMES, Nigel: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09
Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09

Stage 10

Excluding LANCASTER, John Anthony

Transferring papers worth 1.00
Transfer from LANCASTER, John Anthony: 12 at 1.00 = 12.00
Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transfer to HERMITT, David: 2 at 1.00 = 2.00
Transfer to PUGH, Elizabeth: 4 at 1.00 = 4.00
Transfer to RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome: 4 at 1.00 = 4.00
Transfer to Non-transferable: 1 at 1.00 = 1.00
Transferring papers worth 0.68
Transfer from LANCASTER, John Anthony: 7 at 0.68 = 4.76
Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 1 at 0.68 = 0.68
Transfer to PUGH, Elizabeth: 2 at 0.68 = 1.36
Transfer to RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome: 3 at 0.68 = 2.04
Transferring papers worth 0.52
Transfer from LANCASTER, John Anthony: 5 at 0.52 = 2.60
Transfer to PUGH, Elizabeth: 2 at 0.52 = 1.04
Transfer to RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome: 2 at 0.52 = 1.04
Transfer to Non-transferable: 1 at 0.52 = 0.52

Stage 11

Excluding HERMITT, David

Transferring papers worth 1.00
Transfer from HERMITT, David: 19 at 1.00 = 19.00
Transfer to ALLOTEY, Janette: 6 at 1.00 = 6.00
Transfer to DOWEN, Alan: 6 at 1.00 = 6.00
Transfer to RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome: 3 at 1.00 = 3.00
Transfer to Non-transferable: 4 at 1.00 = 4.00

ALLOTEY, Janette ELECTED

With 48.07 over quota 42.13

DOWEN, Alan ELECTED

With 42.77 over quota 42.13

Transferring papers worth 0.68
Transfer from HERMITT, David: 8 at 0.68 = 5.44
Transfer to RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome: 5 at 0.68 = 3.40
Transfer to Non-transferable: 3 at 0.68 = 2.04
Transferring papers worth 0.09
Transfer from HERMITT, David: 4 at 0.09 = 0.36
Transfer to PUGH, Elizabeth: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09
Transfer to RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome: 1 at 0.09 = 0.09
Transfer to Non-transferable: 2 at 0.09 = 0.18

RICHBELL-BROWN, Winsome ELECTED

With 38.81

Finished

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Stage	8 Stage		9 Stage		10 Stage		11
Exclusion of	Exclusion of		Exclusion of		Exclusion of		
CLARKE, Clifford	Jasor	JAMES, Nigel	LANCASTER, John Antr		HERMITT, David		
2	40.1	1.29	41.39	0.68	42.07	6	48.07 Elected
	42.13		42.13		42.13		42.13 Elected
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1	32.09	3	35.09	1.68	36.77	6	42.77 Elected
1	21.8	1	22.8	2	24.8	-24.8	-
	10.01	-10.01	-	-		-	
-		-		-		-	
1	18	1.36	19.36	-19.36	-	-	
	42.15		42.15		42.15		42.15 Elected
-		-		-		-	
-		-		-		-	
	20.93	0.68	21.61	6.4	28.01	0.09	28.1
	24.56	0.68	25.24	7.08	32.32	6.49	38.81 Elected
	42.13		42.13		42.13		42.13 Elected
	42.13		42.13		42.13		42.13 Elected
	0.97	2	2.97	1.52	4.49	6.22	10.71
	337		337		337		337