Amersham Deanery
Area Dean Team's Notes: September 2026

---

1. New Bishop of Oxford

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) met earlier this Spring to begin their prayerful discernment in this next stage of finding our next Bishop of Oxford. Diocesan representatives Sir Hector Sants, the Revd Joy Mawdesley, the Ven Stephen Pullin, Prof Helen King (online), Helen Lamb, and the Revd Matt Beer join he two Archbishops and six members elected nationally to form the commission.

Over the coming months, this group will draw up the specification, taking account of the Statement of Needs. They also interview the candidates and then make a recommendation to His Majesty The King, via the Prime Minister.

We ask that across the diocese we commit to regular prayer, as individuals and within our churches. New resources are available in our dedicated prayer library, ranging from prayer point to full intercessions to use in services.

https://oxford.anglican.org/who-we-are/how-we-are-governed/vacancy-in-see/statement-of-needs/

2. General Synod Elections

Lay members of Deanery Synods form the electorate for Oxford Diocese Lay representation on General Synod. Nomination close 5 pm 7th September.

Candidates will provide a written election address, and will be given the option and opportunity to respond to questions from the electorate.

The lay Deanery Synod members in our diocese vote for lay candidates, and the clergy in our diocese vote for clergy candidates. **The voting period is 21 September to 13 October.**

3. Deanery Vacancies

- Chenies Benefice – House for Duty Latimer and Flaunden readvertised and interviews to be held 8th October.
- Beaconsfield – Preparation of Parish Profile for appointment of Rector.

4. Diocesan Synod

Amersham Deanery representation to April 2027.
Clergy – 3 with one vacancy.
Laity – 4 with one vacancy.

5. Jobs and Events of Interest

Denham: Parish Administrator: https://www.denhamparish.church/about/vacancies/