

# Deanery Revitalisation Consultation

Revitalising our deaneries, so they have more devolved ability to shape and manage mission and ministry within their area, is at the heart of our Diocesan strategy.

We are consulting the whole diocese about our proposals, and welcome contributions from individuals (in formal roles or none), and considered responses from PCCs, Schools, Chaplaincies, Chapters, and Deanery Synods.

## The consultation process runs from 21 Aug – 28 Sep 2026.

This document presents the key elements of our proposals, to help you understand what we are planning, and so you can provide your feedback for our consideration.

It is divided into five sections.

**Section 1: WHY** we think Deaneries sit at the heart of the successful delivery of our Diocesan Priorities, and how we believe these proposals offer Deaneries the opportunity to have more say in the local delivery of mission and ministry.

**Section 2: WHAT** the leadership model we are proposing for the new Deaneries looks like, to enable them to act with Renewed Focus and Purpose.

**Section 3: WHERE** the new Deaneries will be, and how we settled on this design.

**Section 4: WHO** will go into which new Deanery, and how you will continue to be represented at Deanery and Diocesan Synod.

**Section 5: WHEN** this will all happen, and the timeline we are planning to follow.

## Finding out more

Check out our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the website.

We are also holding three Zoom meetings where you can hear more and ask questions.

[Tue 8 Sep – 7pm](#)

[Thu 10 Sep – 10am](#)

[Wed 16 Sep – 2pm](#)

**Diocesan Synod meets on 26 Sep 2026** and will discuss these proposals. The deadline for questions is **18 Sep 2026**. These should be sent to your Deanery representatives, so they can be collated and submitted by your local Diocesan Synod representatives.

## Taking part in the consultation

Contributions to the consultation can be made as follows:

- **Online:** using this [Deanery Revitalisation Consultation Form](#)
- **By Email/Post:** using this [Deanery Revitalisation Downloadable Survey](#)
  - Either: complete electronically and email to [strategy@chester.anglican.org](mailto:strategy@chester.anglican.org)
  - Or: print out, fill in, and send to:  
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Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Warrington, WA4 4GE.

Many Deaneries and PCCs are planning to meet in September to discuss the proposals. Materials to explain the proposals and support your discussion can be found [here](#).

**We would recommend attendees reading this briefing paper before any meeting.**

# Section 1: WHY

## Why are we revitalising our Deaneries?

The Diocese of Chester has a long history of valuing and supporting mission and ministry in the local context.

We are wonderfully varied – from the Wirral to the High Peak, from deeply rural communities to industrial heartlands, from bustling market towns to thriving suburbs, from some of the most deprived areas of the country to some of the most affluent.

Because of that variety, we've learnt that our parishes, chaplaincies and schools need to "speak the gospel with a local accent" – joining in with what God is already doing in each community – for our mission and ministry to truly thrive.

We also need to face how much the world has changed in the last 50 years. Church life often no longer sits at the heart of local community life, and our church demographics don't yet match the breadth and diversity of the people we serve.

These are exactly the challenges our diocesan strategic priorities are designed to meet:

- **New Christian Communities:** an invitation **for every context** to explore fresh ways to engage with their community in witness and worship – finding new ways to become younger, more diverse and more engaged with those we live amongst
- **New Collaborative Partnerships:** an encouragement (especially **at a deanery level**) for us to work together (with each other and with other denominations and organisations) to "bless the 1.5 million people", in mission and ministry, and in the practical sharing of skills, experience, resources and learning
- **New Leadership Development:** **a diocesan focus** on identifying, developing, and releasing the lay and ordained leaders we need for the future.

Our Deaneries are key to making this happen. They are best placed to:

- Encourage and support New Christian Communities taking root in our local settings, and share learning and good news stories
- See clearly what is working well, where there is scope for wider collaboration, and where local mission, ministry and practical operation needs help
- Spot emerging leadership, and help to deploy our lay and ordained leaders where they are needed most
- Bring local insight together, so that we can direct diocesan resources where they'll make the most difference.

**That's why revitalising our Deaneries and giving them more devolved ability to shape and manage mission and ministry locally, is at the heart of our Diocesan strategy.**

## What will revitalisation look like?

For the last 18 months, Bishop Mark and his senior leadership team have been prayerfully exploring options to revitalise our Deanery system, so it can deliver our strategic priorities in each local context.

At its heart, revitalisation means giving our Deaneries:

- Renewed **Focus** and **Purpose**
- Renewed **Design** and **Leadership**

And it means building on, supporting and better resourcing the collaborative mission and ministry that is already happening across our Deaneries.

### Renewed Focus and Purpose

Bishop Mark wants to enable and encourage Deaneries to focus on:

- Delivery of our Strategic Priorities within that deanery
- Shared Mission
- Pastoral Care of Leaders.

**With that increased focus and responsibility, will come a greater ability to shape and support mission and ministry locally.**

### Renewed Design and Leadership

Bishop Mark also wants to adjust the number and size of our Deaneries so that they are better suited to deliver this renewed focus and purpose.

He wants revitalised Deaneries that are:

- Large enough to be robust, diverse and sustainable
- Small enough that people are still known, and can find relational security, support and fellowship
- Few enough in number to relate well to one another
- Balanced enough between the two Archdeaconries
- Able to relate naturally to partners outside the Church, such as local authorities, ecumenical and civic partners.

And renewed Deanery leadership needs to have:

- **A good balance of lay and ordained service working collaboratively**
- **Clear role descriptions and defined terms.**

This consultation is intended to help you:

- Understand the reasons and the motivations behind our proposals, and
- Help us maximise the likelihood of success.

And to enable you to share:

- Enthusiasm for the things that look exciting and releasing
- Constructive critique of the things that might constrain or need improving
- Thoughts and observations about the things you think we have missed, so that they get due consideration.

## Section 2: WHAT

### What will leadership look like in each new Area?

Having set out why we're revitalising our Deaneries, this section explains what the new leadership will look like in each **Area – our shorthand for a “revitalised Deanery”**.

We are proposing that each Area Leadership Team is built around the two legally required roles – an Ordained Area Dean (appointed by the Diocesan Bishop and currently called Rural Dean) and an Area Lay Chair (elected by the Deanery Synod) – plus an ordained Assistant Area Dean (also Bishop-appointed) who we anticipate would hold the Pastoral Care portfolio. Additional members (lay or ordained) would then be added, with each Area deciding its own numbers and how they're appointed.

Together, this team would be responsible for delivering the six portfolio areas shown below. The Deanery Synod would continue to provide governance and oversight of the team's work.

We think a team of up to 7 people is sensible – big enough to share the load, small enough to stay agile and know each other well, with:

- an Area Dean holding strategic vision, culture and team oversight,
- other members each taking one of the portfolios, matched to their skills.

We don't expect full portfolio coverage from day one. Areas should start from where they are and build out each portfolio as they become able.



### Proposed support around the Area team

New Area Leadership Teams will need help getting established, growing into their responsibilities, and reaching a sustainable working model. We're proposing three kinds of support: a **Transition Accompanier** – a nominated person supporting each team's design, formation and training; **increased Archdeacon support** – one full-time and one half-time Archdeacon in each archdeaconry, reflecting the larger average size of the new Areas; and **transition and project funding** - £10k a year from the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) for each Area while it transitions, plus access to further project funding for collaborative mission projects arising from local discernment (subject to a successful bid to the national Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board).

Finally, we're proposing clear Role Descriptions for every role in the new structure, so people know their responsibilities and authority, can be selected or appointed against a clear specification, and can have their training needs properly identified. Draft proposals for each role are set out in Table 1.

We value your thoughts and reactions to this proposed model of Leadership and support, especially how well you think it could deliver the outcomes we are seeking.

**Table 1: Proposed Roles and Responsibilities**

| Role                         | Responsibility<br>All roles are to be <b>praying</b> for their particular area of responsibility                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Immediate Contact                    | Personal Accountability                       | Organisational Accountability           |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                              | Personal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Oversight                                                                                                             | Partnership / Support                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                      |                                               |                                         |
| Bishop                       | Overall leadership / responsibility for the diocese:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curating Culture and Vision</li> <li>Ensuring Safeguarding Culture</li> <li>Agreeing Strategy</li> <li>Pastoral Care of Clergy and Key DBF staff</li> <li>Relationships with the National Church</li> <li>Public 'Face' / 'Voice' of the diocese.</li> </ul> | Pastoral Care.<br>Appointments.                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                      |                                               | Chairs Bishops Council                  |
| Suffragan Bishop             | Sharing with the Bishop the tasks above - particular focus on:<br>a) Supporting the Bishop and senior team<br>b) Delivery in the archdeaconry to which they relate<br>Governance & Assurance of delivery of Mission & Ministry.                                                                                                                             | Vacancy management and appointments (through Archdeacons).                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                      |                                               | Chairs Governance & Assurance Committee |
| Archdeacon                   | Practical support and pastoral care for parishes, Vacancy management and appointments.<br>Clergy discipline.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Operational delivery of mission and ministry.<br>Oversight of one strategic priority across the Diocese.              | Partnering with other departments on safeguarding, clergy housing, and church buildings                                                                                                                                          | Bishop and relevant Suffragan Bishop | Bishop                                        | Chairs Operational Oversight Committee  |
| Asst Arch Deacon             | Same as Archdeacon – but in more limited area / training and development opportunity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Oversight of one strategic priority across the Diocese.                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Archdeacon; Bishop if required       | Primarily to Archdeacon and then to Bishop    |                                         |
| Area Dean                    | Strategic Leadership of Area.<br>Holding the culture.<br>Local vision and horizon scanning for opportunities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Delivery of Mission & Ministry and 3 Strategic Priorities.<br>Oversight of Pastoral Care in Area.<br>Vacancy support. | Partnering with other areas on collaborative mission<br><br>Supported by central team for:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training / mentoring</li> <li>Area Transformation</li> <li>Missional development</li> </ul> | Archdeacon; Bishop if required       | Bishop                                        | Chairs Area Leadership Team             |
| Asst Area Dean               | Shared strategic leadership.<br>Shadowing Area Dean (training and development opportunity).<br>Chapter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Champion for Pastoral Care.                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Area Dean; Archdeacon if required    | Primarily to Area Dean and then to Archdeacon |                                         |
| Area Lay Chair               | Shared strategic leadership, local accountability and ensuring that lay perspectives shape priorities and decisions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Champion for one strategic priority across the Area.                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Area Dean; Archdeacon if required    | Deanery Synod                                 | Chairs Deanery Synod                    |
| Area Leadership Team         | Enabling support to Area Dean to deliver on their responsibilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Champion for one strategic priority across the Area.                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Area Dean                            | Area Dean                                     |                                         |
| Incumbent / Priest-in-Charge | Delivery of Mission & Ministry in their parish.<br>Discernment and Delivery of a suitable local expression of the 3 strategic priorities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Area Dean; Archdeacon if required    | Bishop                                        | Chairs PCC                              |

## Section 3: WHERE

### Where are the new Areas going to be?

**We are proposing to reduce the number of Deaneries from 18 to 13 new Areas.**

We explored many possible configurations, ranging from 8 to 14 Areas.

We used four fundamental criteria to assess the strengths of each option:

- Does each new Area have:
  - Comparable Parish and Benefice numbers
  - Comparable Population sizes
  - Comparable Land size (km<sup>2</sup>)
  - A full spread of socio-economic situations (using the Indices of Multiple Deprivation to rank from our least to our most deprived parishes)?
- Is there a close match to Local Authority boundaries where appropriate?
- Does this solution retain the existing Archdeaconry boundaries?
- Is every existing Deanery touched or changed in some way?

Options for 8 and 14 Areas were quickly discarded as being unworkable.

A further five options for 10, 12, and 13 areas were then explored in more detail.

These options were narrowed statistically, based on how balanced each version was across the measures above (along with three other secondary contributing factors).

The final recommendation (13A) was chosen using pastoral judgement, to ensure we matched known existing relationships, shared missional context and ministry patterns on the ground.

Our original intention was to find a solution with an equal number of new Areas in each archdeaconry, but the more natural and balanced option was found to be one in which we have 7 Areas in Chester and 6 Areas in Macclesfield.

The proposed solution results in:

- Three deaneries remaining unchanged
  - Chester, Malpas and Nantwich.
- Eight deaneries remaining intact in a merge with other parishes
- One deanery remaining almost entirely intact in a merge with other parishes
  - Chadkirk.
- Four deaneries that are split between two new Areas
  - Birkenhead, Great Budworth, Wirral North and Wirral South.
- Two deaneries that are more widely dispersed
  - Frodsham and Knutsford.

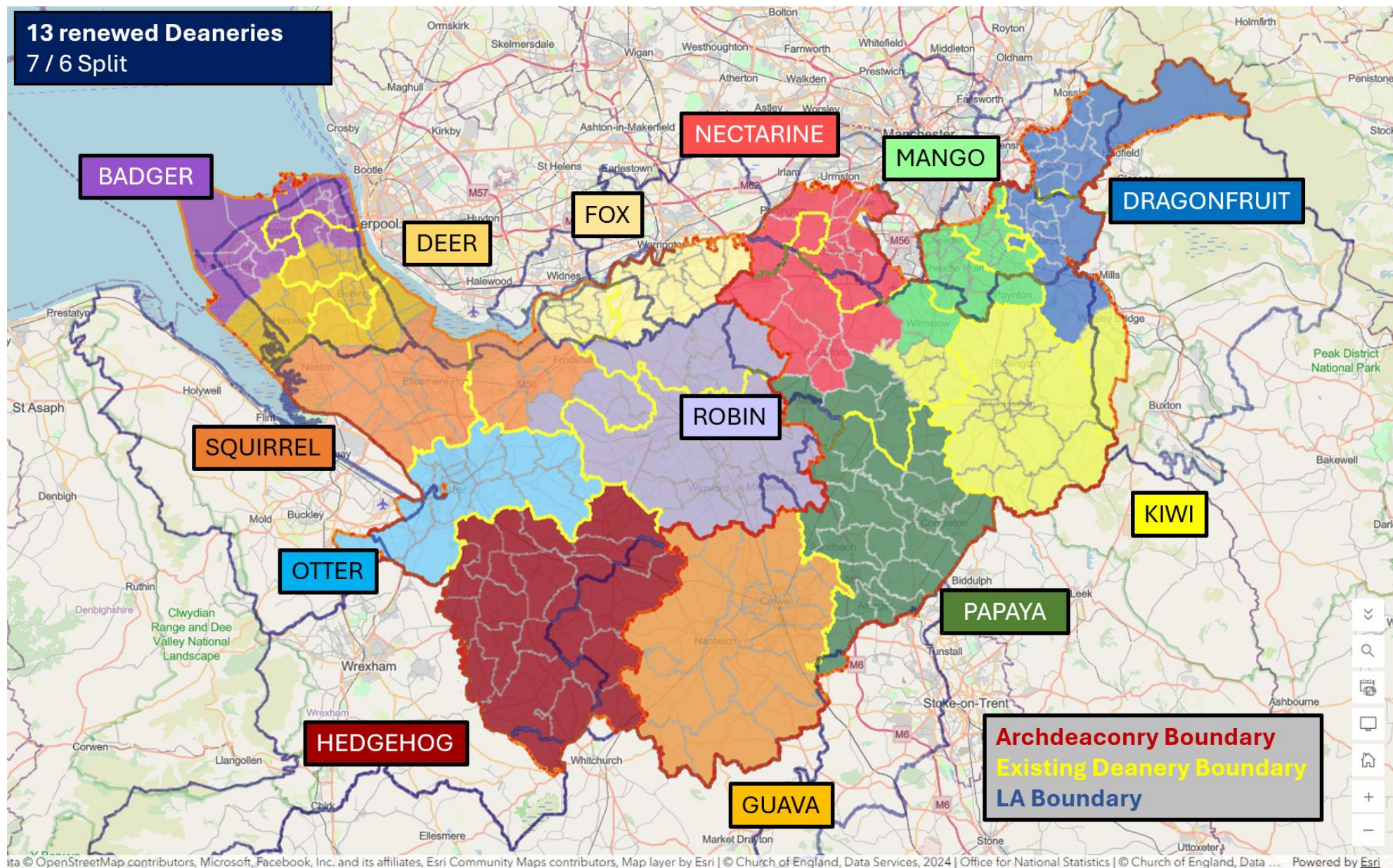
A map of the proposed configuration of new Areas is shown in Figure 1.

New Areas have been given CODENAMES at this stage.

Our actual proposals for Area Names can be seen in Table 2.

You can find more detailed information about the statistical analysis done to support this work in Appendix 1: WHERE – Supporting Information.





**Figure 1: Map of Proposed New Areas with Code Names**

## Proposed New Area Names

Given that we have new Areas, we also need to choose new names for them.

Our underlying principles in considering options were that:

1. Names need to make sense both within the diocese and with other organisations we might be in relationship with (e.g. Local Authorities)
2. Names ought to be consistent with each other
3. Names should be new for all existing Deaneries: everyone is “touched” in some way to signal that this is also about a change in focus, purpose and leadership.

We considered several naming conventions:

- Place / Town-based
- Local Authority based
- River/valley names
- Monastic building names
- Compass points
- Existing Deanery Names (in combination where appropriate).

The most consistent naming set emerged when we reflected on how closely the Diocese of Chester is aligned with the historic county of Cheshire.

Describing most Areas as parts of Cheshire (West / Central / East etc), with additional names that incorporate the major “non-Cheshire” Local Authority names, provides a scheme that is the clearest and most recognisable option for local people.

**Table 2: Proposed New Area Names**

| Archdeaconry | Area (13A) Code Name | Proposed Name         |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Chester      | BADGER               | North Wirral          |
| Chester      | DEER                 | South Wirral          |
| Chester      | FOX                  | Halton and Warrington |
| Chester      | HEDGEHOG             | Southwest Cheshire    |
| Chester      | OTTER                | Chester City          |
| Chester      | ROBIN                | Central Cheshire      |
| Chester      | SQUIRREL             | West Cheshire         |
| Macclesfield | DRAGONFRUIT          | Cheshire Peak Edge    |
| Macclesfield | GUAVA                | South Cheshire        |
| Macclesfield | KIWI                 | East Cheshire         |
| Macclesfield | MANGO                | Stockport Town        |
| Macclesfield | NECTARINE            | North Cheshire        |
| Macclesfield | PAPAYA               | Southeast Cheshire    |

**Your response to the proposed names for the new Areas (and in particular your Area) is a key part of this consultation. Please let us know whether these work for you or if there are better alternatives.**



## Section 4: WHO

### Who goes where?

We suspect that there are three questions that matter to every parish:

- Which Area will our parish be part of?
- Who will we be with?
- How will we continue to be represented?

### Parish allocation principles

Allocation of parishes to the Proposed New Areas was primarily driven by the fundamental rules described in the **WHERE** summary.

In addition (since the underlying desire is to enhance and equip our collaborative mission and ministry) we have:

- Kept existing multi-parish benefices and shared-clergy situations together.
- Sought to maintain (or create) parish groupings that match our understanding of local collaboration, joint missional activity and socio-economic similarity.

Your knowledge of actual local relationships and projects will be more detailed than this, and so **a key part of this consultation** is to allow you to **tell us where the current boundary choices are likely to have a significant impact on existing working arrangements and collaboration.**

### Parish allocation consultation

To help you make this assessment, this consultation pack has three principal resources:

1. A list of all 262 parishes (see Appendix 2: WHO – Parish Allocation), showing their current Deanery and the Proposed New Area **CODENAME**. This also exists as a [Searchable Online Table](#).
2. A summary of all parishes that fall into a specific **Deanery / CODENAME** group (there are 28 such groups) which shows:
  - a. All the parishes that **STAY** together in the new Area
  - b. All the parishes that **JOIN** them in that new Area
  - c. All the parishes that **LEAVE** them to join a different new Area
3. An [Online Mapping Tool](#) that lets you visualise the existing Deaneries and the Proposed New Areas, and see where an individual parish sits.

### How will you continue to be represented?

#### Deanery Synod

Your existing Deanery Synod representatives (your clergy and your elected parishioners) represent you at the Deanery Synod that your parish belongs to. In the proposed new Areas, they will continue to represent you, at a new Deanery Synod formed for your new Area. Their role and their voice will not change, only the composition of the group they are part of will.

## Diocesan Synod

Diocesan Synod is made up of a House of Bishops, a House of Clergy, and a House of Laity. The House of Clergy and the House of Laity are both composed of Ex-officio members, Elected members and Co-opted members.

Elected members in both houses represent their Deanery. So, a change in Deanery boundaries will affect Diocesan Synod elections.

The full requirements for Diocesan Synod elections are laid out in Appendix 3: WHO – Supporting Information.

In summary:

- Lay representation is related to the combined Electoral Roll numbers for parishes within a Deanery, with a minimum of 2 representatives per Deanery.
- Clergy representation is related to the total number of members of the Deanery House of Clergy, with a minimum of 2 representatives per Deanery.
- The total size of Diocesan Synod will be between 100 and 270 people.
- For the 2027 Diocesan Synod elections:
  - Lay representation will use 2026 Electoral Roll numbers
  - Clergy representation will use House of Clergy numbers at 31 May 2026.

We plan to continue adopting the following principles used previously in Chester:

- Diocesan Synod will have at least as many elected lay posts as clergy posts
- Lay representation for each Deanery will be calculated as the larger of:
  - [Minimum Lay Representation level]
  - $\frac{\text{[Total Electoral Roll count for that Deanery]}}{\text{[Lay Representation Ratio]}}$  rounded to the nearest integer number.
- Clergy representation for each Deanery will be calculated as the larger of:
  - [Minimum Clergy Representation level]
  - $\frac{\text{[Total House of Clergy size in the Deanery]}}{\text{[Clergy Representation Ratio]}}$  rounded to the nearest integer number.

Our initial work (see Appendix 3: WHO – Supporting Information) based on current estimates for 2026 Electoral Roll and House of Clergy numbers shows that **it is possible to generate identical representation for the existing Deanery structure and the proposed new Areas.**

Once we have the confirmed set of Electoral Roll figures and Deanery House of Clergy numbers, we will provide final proposals to be scrutinised by Bishops' Council, before being brought to Diocesan Synod for formal agreement.

Your views around the fairness of these proposals are welcomed.

## Section 5: WHEN

### When and how will this all happen?

We are committed to revitalising our Deaneries. Exactly how and when is still to be determined, and this consultation process is designed to enable us to get the best possible solution. Five phases are currently planned:

#### Phase 1: Consultation

After consultation, feedback will be collated and reported to Bishop Mark and his senior leadership team during October. If the feedback we receive can be addressed during the next phases of the project then we will proceed to Phase 2. The final allocation of parishes to new Areas will be formalised at this point.

**If the feedback indicates that there are more challenges still to resolve before we continue, then we will pause and re-consider the timing of the remaining phases.**

#### Phase 2: Preparation and Signing of the Bishop's Pastoral Order

Reordering of Deaneries is achieved using a Bishop's Pastoral Order (BPO). This is a document that:

- Dissolves named Deaneries
- Defines the names of new Deaneries
- Lists all the parishes that will be part of each new Deanery.

A draft of this document can be found here: [Draft Bishop's Pastoral Order](#).

During September and October Bishop Mark will meet with the current Rural Deans and Assistant Rural Deans to explore the robust and sustainable interim arrangements we would need in order to proceed to Phase 3 of the process.

Once these arrangements have been agreed, Bishop Mark will sign the BPO and it will come into effect at the beginning of the following month.

We are aiming for a target signing date on or before 31 Oct 2026. If we achieve that these new arrangements would come into effect on 1 Nov 2026. This would then allow the November Diocesan Synod to agree the Representation Rules that will be used for the 2027 Diocesan Synod elections. These need to be agreed by 31 Dec 2026.

#### Phase 3: Interim Arrangements

When Areas (new Deaneries) come into effect, they will each transition to Interim Arrangements:

- An Interim Area Dean will be appointed by Bishop Mark in each new Area. They will carry the existing responsibilities of Rural Dean, but for their new Area.
- An Interim Assistant Area Dean will be appointed by Bishop Mark in each Area. They will support the Interim Area Dean in exercising their responsibilities.
- At the first meeting of the Deanery Synod for the new Area, an Interim Area Lay Chair will be elected. Again, the role will be the same as the one the existing Lay Chair fulfils, except it will cover the revised Area.

These interim arrangements will continue until the Area decides to transition to the new Area Leadership Team structure.

## Phase 4: Transition

We plan to run an initial Pilot Process for the Transition and Implementation phases, and will invite a small number of new Areas to be part of that.

During the Transition Phase an Interim Council (composed of the Interim Area Dean, Interim Assistant Area Dean, Interim Lay Chair, and any others the new Deanery Synod determines) will work with a Transition Accompanier to:

- Define the Area Leadership Structure
- Agree Role Descriptions
- Determine the target Transition date.

Once Role Descriptions have been agreed:

- A new Area Dean will be selected and appointed by Bishop Mark against the criteria defined in the Area Dean Role Description
- A new Assistant Area Dean will be selected and appointed by Bishop Mark against the criteria defined in the Assistant Area Dean Role Description
- Deanery Synod will elect a new Area Lay Chair against the criteria defined in the Area Lay Chair Role Description
- Selection, election or appointment of any other defined Leadership Roles will be made against the criteria defined in the specific Role Description (as appropriate in each Area based on their locally determined and agreed leadership arrangements).

We envisage that three or four Areas might complete the Transition Phase in 2027.

## Phase 5: Implementation

The newly convened Area Leadership Team will begin to operate under their new Role Descriptions.

We will review the lessons learned in the Pilot Process and then invite more Areas to enter the Transition and Implementation Phases.

We envisage that the remaining Areas will complete the Transition Phase during 2028 and 2029.

### **Your responses around the design, phasing and timing of the Interim, Transition and Implementation phases are welcomed, especially to:**

- Identify Areas that are keen to be part of the Pilot Process
- Understand how best to roll this out across the diocese
- Ensure we support Areas well through the process
- Achieve a successful completion of the project.



# Appendix 1: WHERE – Supporting Information

**Table 3: Analysis Measures for our Existing Deaneries**

**Current Deaneries**

| Archdeaconry | Deanery        | Parishes | Benefices | Population | Area (km2) | Clergy (FTE) | Ministry Cost Coverage | Worshipping Community | LAs in Area | IMD Range |
|--------------|----------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Chester      | Birkenhead     | 10       | 10        | 98,857     | 33.3       | 10           | 0.48                   | 614                   | 1           |           |
| Chester      | Chester        | 20       | 19        | 114,918    | 157.6      | 15           | 0.92                   | 2180                  | 1           |           |
| Chester      | Frodsham       | 16       | 11        | 82,849     | 115.7      | 8            | 0.47                   | 1231                  | 2           |           |
| Chester      | Great Budworth | 14       | 12        | 71,946     | 156.6      | 9            | 0.81                   | 1188                  | 3           |           |
| Chester      | Malpas         | 20       | 10        | 25,583     | 356.6      | 8            | 0.73                   | 1046                  | 2           |           |
| Chester      | Middlewich     | 17       | 15        | 115,778    | 217.3      | 12           | 0.85                   | 1504                  | 1           |           |
| Chester      | Wallasey       | 9        | 8         | 84,488     | 28.4       | 6            | 0.49                   | 494                   | 1           |           |
| Chester      | Wirral North   | 14       | 14        | 109,245    | 127.5      | 15           | 0.95                   | 2762                  | 1           |           |
| Chester      | Wirral South   | 13       | 11        | 118,349    | 177.4      | 9            | 0.88                   | 787                   | 2           |           |
|              |                | 133      | 110       | 822,013    | 1370.4     | 90           | 0.77                   | 11806                 | 14          |           |
| Archdeaconry | Deanery        | Parishes | Benefices | Population | Area (km2) | Clergy (FTE) | Ministry Cost Coverage | Worshipping Community | LAs in Area | IMD Range |
| Macclesfield | Bowdon         | 15       | 13        | 142,378    | 85.0       | 11           | 0.93                   | 1758                  | 3           |           |
| Macclesfield | Chadkirk       | 10       | 10        | 71,675     | 92.0       | 8            | 0.83                   | 965                   | 2           |           |
| Macclesfield | Cheadle        | 10       | 10        | 102,524    | 49.9       | 11           | 0.95                   | 792                   | 2           |           |
| Macclesfield | Congleton      | 18       | 14        | 88,585     | 222.2      | 11           | 0.94                   | 1624                  | 1           |           |
| Macclesfield | Knutsford      | 16       | 11        | 57,074     | 231.0      | 10           | 0.99                   | 1290                  | 2           |           |
| Macclesfield | Macclesfield   | 19       | 12        | 73,866     | 207.7      | 9            | 1.02                   | 1579                  | 1           |           |
| Macclesfield | Mottram        | 12       | 11        | 91,052     | 89.8       | 9            | 0.73                   | 1355                  | 1           |           |
| Macclesfield | Nantwich       | 22       | 11        | 130,113    | 329.7      | 10           | 0.71                   | 1126                  | 1           |           |
| Macclesfield | Stockport      | 7        | 7         | 97,664     | 26.7       | 6            | 0.77                   | 500                   | 1           |           |
|              |                | 129      | 99        | 854,931    | 1334.0     | 87           | 0.88                   | 10989                 | 14          |           |

**Table 4: Analysis Measures for the Proposed 13A Option**

**Reordered - 13A**

**7/6 Split**

| Archdeaconry | Deanery     | Parishes | Benefices | Population | Area (km2) | Clergy (FTE) | Ministry Cost Coverage | Worshipping Community | LAs in Area | IMD Range |
|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Chester      | BADGER      | 19       | 18        | 161,702    | 111.3      | 16           | 0.71                   | 1927                  | 1           |           |
| Chester      | DEER        | 17       | 17        | 158,637    | 114.6      | 16           | 0.77                   | 2144                  | 1           |           |
| Chester      | FOX         | 18       | 16        | 116,907    | 95.4       | 12           | 0.63                   | 1375                  | 2           |           |
| Chester      | HEDGEHOG    | 20       | 10        | 25,583     | 356.6      | 8            | 0.73                   | 1046                  | 2           |           |
| Chester      | OTTER       | 20       | 19        | 114,918    | 157.6      | 15           | 0.92                   | 2180                  | 1           |           |
| Chester      | ROBIN       | 25       | 19        | 134,585    | 344.7      | 15           | 0.83                   | 1896                  | 1           |           |
| Chester      | SQUIRREL    | 14       | 11        | 109,681    | 190.2      | 8            | 0.76                   | 1238                  | 1           |           |
|              |             | 133      | 110       | 822,013    | 1370.4     | 90           | 0.77                   | 11806                 | 9           |           |
| Archdeaconry | Deanery     | Parishes | Benefices | Population | Area (km2) | Clergy (FTE) | Ministry Cost Coverage | Worshipping Community | LAs in Area | IMD Range |
| Macclesfield | DRAGONFRUIT | 21       | 20        | 157,217    | 166.4      | 17           | 0.77                   | 2280                  | 2           |           |
| Macclesfield | GUAVA       | 22       | 11        | 130,113    | 329.7      | 10           | 0.71                   | 1126                  | 1           |           |
| Macclesfield | KIWI        | 23       | 15        | 86,125     | 256.8      | 12           | 1.03                   | 1823                  | 1           |           |
| Macclesfield | MANGO       | 19       | 19        | 224,141    | 101.6      | 19           | 0.94                   | 1618                  | 2           |           |
| Macclesfield | NECTARINE   | 22       | 18        | 162,996    | 190.8      | 17           | 0.91                   | 2386                  | 2           |           |
| Macclesfield | PAPAYA      | 22       | 16        | 94,339     | 288.8      | 12           | 0.91                   | 1756                  | 1           |           |
|              |             | 129      | 99        | 854,931    | 1334.0     | 87           | 0.88                   | 10989                 | 9           |           |

**Notes:**

- **IMD:** The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) combines seven deprivation metrics that consider income, employment, education, health, crime, housing, and living environment.
- **IMD Ranking:** Each parish in England has been ranked by IMD (from 1 to 12,239). A lower ranking indicates that it is more deprived. You can view this data [here](#).
- **IMD Range metric:**
  - The green bar in the IMD range metric shows the decile-position of the lowest and highest-ranking parish in that area
  - The orange bar shows the average ranking decile
- We preferred solutions that generated:
  - the widest range of IMD ranking (i.e. an Area has both highly and least deprived parishes)
  - a more centralised average IMD ranking (an Area has a good balance of more deprived and less deprived parishes).

**Table 5: Analysis Measures for the 5 principal options considered**

|              | Weighting               | 3        | 3         | 2          | 2          | 2            | 1                      | 1                     | 2           | 3         |             |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Option       |                         | Parishes | Benefices | Population | Area (km2) | Clergy (FTE) | Ministry Cost Coverage | Worshipping Community | LAs in Area | IMD Range | Combined CV |
| Current (18) | Coefficient of Variance | 29%      | 23%       | 29%        | 63%        | 25%          | 21%                    | 45%                   | 44%         | 49%       | 36%         |
| New (13A)    | Coefficient of Variance | 14%      | 20%       | 36%        | 45%        | 25%          | 14%                    | 24%                   | 35%         | 40%       | 29%         |
| New (12C)    | Coefficient of Variance | 12%      | 22%       | 36%        | 35%        | 23%          | 14%                    | 25%                   | 40%         | 41%       | 28%         |
| New (12B)    | Coefficient of Variance | 27%      | 28%       | 42%        | 51%        | 33%          | 13%                    | 28%                   | 35%         | 41%       | 35%         |
| New (12)     | Coefficient of Variance | 27%      | 27%       | 35%        | 54%        | 24%          | 13%                    | 32%                   | 35%         | 41%       | 33%         |
| New (10)     | Coefficient of Variance | 28%      | 32%       | 43%        | 47%        | 34%          | 13%                    | 37%                   | 35%         | 29%       | 34%         |

### Notes:

- **Coefficient of Variance (CV)** is a measure of how each individual metric varies across all the areas:
  - A smaller number indicates that the metric has less variability across the individual deaneries in that model.
- Each metric is colour-coded (vertically) from lowest (green) to highest (red) variability
  - Thus, the Current (18) model has the most variability in Parish numbers, whereas 12C has the least variability
  - Options with more horizontally green-coded / fewer red-coded metrics are more attractive overall solutions.
- The **Combined CV** is a weighted score of all the metrics considered. The weights used are shown above each column.
  - Options 12C and 13A generate the lowest combined CV.
- The final choice between Option 12C and 13A was made taking additional local pastoral and missional factors into consideration.

## Appendix 2: WHO – Parish Allocation

| Parish ID | Parish Name                                      | Deanery    | Deanery-CODENAME Link             |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0101      | Bidston: St Oswald                               | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-BADGER</a> |
| 0102      | Birkenhead: Christ the King (Birkenhead Priory)  | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-BADGER</a> |
| 0103      | Birkenhead: St James with St Bede                | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-BADGER</a> |
| 0104      | Birkenhead: Christ Church                        | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-DEER</a>   |
| 0105      | Oxton                                            | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-DEER</a>   |
| 0106      | Prenton: St Stephen                              | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-DEER</a>   |
| 0107      | Rock Ferry: St Peter                             | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-DEER</a>   |
| 0108      | Tranmere: St Catherine                           | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-DEER</a>   |
| 0109      | Tranmere: St Paul with St Luke                   | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-DEER</a>   |
| 0110      | Woodchurch: Holy Cross                           | Birkenhead | <a href="#">Birkenhead-DEER</a>   |
| 0201      | Ashton Hayes: St John the Evangelist             | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0202      | Barrow: St Bartholomew                           | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0203      | Chester: St John the Baptist                     | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0204      | Chester: Holy Trinity without the Walls (Blacon) | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0205      | Chester: St Mary without the Walls (Handbridge)  | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0206      | Chester (Huntington): St Paul with St Luke       | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0207      | Christleton: St James                            | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0208      | Dodleston                                        | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0209      | Eccleston and Pulford                            | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0210      | Guilden Sutton: St John the Baptist              | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0211      | Hoole: All Saints                                | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0213      | Kelsall: St Philip                               | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0214      | Lache-cum-Saltney: St Mark                       | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0215      | Plemstall: St Peter                              | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0216      | Tarvin                                           | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0217      | Upton: The Holy Ascension                        | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0218      | Plas Newton: St Michael                          | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0219      | Chester: Christ Church                           | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0220      | Chester: St Oswald and St Thomas of Canterbury   | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0221      | Chester: St Peter                                | Chester    | <a href="#">Chester-OTTER</a>     |
| 0301      | Alvanley and Manley                              | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-ROBIN</a>    |
| 0303      | Dunham-on-the-Hill: St Luke                      | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0304      | Frodsham                                         | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0305      | Grange: St Andrew                                | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-FOX</a>      |
| 0306      | Hallwood Ecumenical Parish                       | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-FOX</a>      |
| 0307      | Halton                                           | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-FOX</a>      |
| 0308      | Helsby: St Paul                                  | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0309      | Kingsley: St John the Evangelist                 | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-ROBIN</a>    |
| 0310      | Norley: St John the Evangelist                   | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-ROBIN</a>    |
| 0311      | Norton: St Berteline and St Christopher          | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-FOX</a>      |
| 0312      | Runcorn: All Saints                              | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-FOX</a>      |
| 0313      | Runcorn: Holy Trinity                            | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-FOX</a>      |
| 0314      | Runcorn: St John the Evangelist (Weston)         | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-FOX</a>      |
| 0315      | Runcorn: St Michael and All Angels               | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-FOX</a>      |
| 0316      | Thornton-le-Moors with Ince and Elton            | Frodsham   | <a href="#">Frodsham-SQUIRREL</a> |

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 0317      | Crowton: Christ Church                          | Frodsham       | <a href="#">Frodsham-ROBIN</a>       |
| 0401      | Antrobus: St Mark                               | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-ROBIN</a> |
| 0402      | Appleton Thorn: St Cross                        | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0403      | Barnton: Christ Church                          | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-ROBIN</a> |
| 0404      | Daresbury                                       | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0405      | Grappenhall: St Wilfrid                         | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0406      | Great Budworth                                  | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-ROBIN</a> |
| 0407      | Latchford: Christ Church                        | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0408      | Latchford: St James                             | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0411      | Lymm: St Mary the Virgin                        | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0412      | Stockton Heath                                  | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0413      | Stretton: St Matthew                            | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0414      | Thelwall: All Saints                            | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0415      | Walton: St John the Evangelist                  | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-FOX</a>   |
| 0417      | Aston by Sutton, Little Leigh and Lower Whitley | Great Budworth | <a href="#">Great Budworth-ROBIN</a> |
| 0501      | Aldford: St John the Baptist                    | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0502      | Bickerton: Holy Trinity                         | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0503      | Bickley                                         | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0504      | Bruera: St Mary the Virgin                      | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0505      | Bunbury: St Boniface                            | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0506      | Burwardsley: St John the Evangelist             | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0507      | Coddington: St Mary                             | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0508      | Farndon: St Chad                                | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0509      | Handley: All Saints                             | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0510      | Hargrave: St Peter                              | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0512      | Malpas and Threapwood                           | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0513      | Marbury: St Michael                             | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0514      | Shocklach: St Edith                             | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0515      | Tarporley (Parish)                              | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0516      | Tattenhall: St Alban                            | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0517      | Tilstone Fearnall: St Jude                      | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0518      | Tilston: St Mary                                | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0519      | Tushingham                                      | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0520      | Waverton: St Peter                              | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0522      | Whitewell: St Mary                              | Malpas         | <a href="#">Malpas-HEDGEHOG</a>      |
| 0601      | Byley-cum-Less: St John the Evangelist          | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0603      | Davenham: St Wilfrid                            | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0604      | Delamere: St Peter                              | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0605      | Hartford: St John the Baptist                   | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0606      | Little Budworth: St Peter                       | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0607      | Lostock Gralam                                  | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0608      | Middlewich: St Michael and All Angels           | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0609      | Moulton: St Stephen the Martyr                  | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0610      | Northwich: Holy Trinity (Castle)                | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0611      | Northwich: St Luke (Winnington)                 | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0612      | Over: St Chad                                   | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0613      | Over: St John the Evangelist                    | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |
| 0614      | Sandiway: St John the Evangelist                | Middlewich     | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>     |

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| 0615      | Weaverham: St Mary the Virgin                  | Middlewich   | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>      |
| 0616      | Wharton: Christ Church                         | Middlewich   | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>      |
| 0617      | Whitegate: St Mary                             | Middlewich   | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>      |
| 0618      | Northwich: St Helen (Witton)                   | Middlewich   | <a href="#">Middlewich-ROBIN</a>      |
| 0702      | Leasowe: St Chad                               | Wallasey     | <a href="#">Wallasey-BADGER</a>       |
| 0703      | Liscard: St Mary (Liscard the Resurrection)    | Wallasey     | <a href="#">Wallasey-BADGER</a>       |
| 0704      | Liscard: St Thomas the Apostle                 | Wallasey     | <a href="#">Wallasey-BADGER</a>       |
| 0705      | New Brighton: St James with Emmanuel           | Wallasey     | <a href="#">Wallasey-BADGER</a>       |
| 0708      | Poulton: St Luke                               | Wallasey     | <a href="#">Wallasey-BADGER</a>       |
| 0709      | Seacombe: St Paul                              | Wallasey     | <a href="#">Wallasey-BADGER</a>       |
| 0710      | Wallasey: St Hilary                            | Wallasey     | <a href="#">Wallasey-BADGER</a>       |
| 0711      | Wallasey: St Nicholas with All Saints          | Wallasey     | <a href="#">Wallasey-BADGER</a>       |
| 0712      | Moreton: Christ Church                         | Wallasey     | <a href="#">Wallasey-BADGER</a>       |
| 0801      | Barnston                                       | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-DEER</a>     |
| 0802      | Bebington                                      | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-DEER</a>     |
| 0803      | Frankby with Greasby                           | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-BADGER</a>   |
| 0804      | Great Meols: St John the Baptist               | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-BADGER</a>   |
| 0805      | Heswall                                        | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-DEER</a>     |
| 0806      | Higher Bebington: Christ Church                | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-DEER</a>     |
| 0807      | Hoylake: St Hildeburgh                         | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-BADGER</a>   |
| 0809      | New Ferry: St Mark                             | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-DEER</a>     |
| 0810      | Newton (West Kirby): St Michael and All Angels | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-BADGER</a>   |
| 0811      | Thurstaston                                    | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-DEER</a>     |
| 0812      | Upton: St Mary (Overchurch)                    | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-BADGER</a>   |
| 0813      | West Kirby: St Andrew                          | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-BADGER</a>   |
| 0814      | West Kirby: St Bridget                         | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-BADGER</a>   |
| 0815      | Poulton Lancelyn: Holy Trinity                 | Wirral North | <a href="#">Wirral North-DEER</a>     |
| 0901      | Backford: St Oswald                            | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0902      | Bromborough: St Barnabas                       | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-DEER</a>     |
| 0903      | Burton: St Nicholas                            | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0904      | Capenhurst: Holy Trinity                       | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0905      | Eastham                                        | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-DEER</a>     |
| 0906      | Ellesmere Port                                 | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0907      | Great Saughall: All Saints                     | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0908      | Great Sutton: St John the Evangelist           | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0909      | Hooton: St Paul                                | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0910      | Neston                                         | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0911      | Shotwick: St Michael                           | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 0912      | Thornton Hough: All Saints                     | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-DEER</a>     |
| 0913      | Willaston: Christ Church                       | Wirral South | <a href="#">Wirral South-SQUIRREL</a> |
| 1001      | Altrincham: St George                          | Bowdon       | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>      |
| 1003      | Ashley: St Elizabeth                           | Bowdon       | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>      |
| 1004      | Ashton-upon-Mersey: St Martin                  | Bowdon       | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>      |
| 1005      | Ashton-upon-Mersey (Sale): St Mary Magdalene   | Bowdon       | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>      |
| 1006      | Bowdon                                         | Bowdon       | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>      |
| 1007      | Broadheath: St Alban                           | Bowdon       | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>      |
| 1009      | Dunham Massey: St Margaret                     | Bowdon       | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>      |
| 1011      | Hale: St Peter                                 | Bowdon       | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>      |



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| 1012      | Oughtrington: St Peter                | Bowdon    | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>     |
| 1013      | Partington: St Mary                   | Bowdon    | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>     |
| 1014      | Hale Barns with Ringway: All Saints   | Bowdon    | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>     |
| 1015      | Sale: St Anne                         | Bowdon    | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>     |
| 1016      | Sale: St Paul                         | Bowdon    | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>     |
| 1017      | Timperley                             | Bowdon    | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>     |
| 1018      | Warburton: St Werburgh                | Bowdon    | <a href="#">Bowdon-NECTARINE</a>     |
| 1101      | Bredbury: St Barnabas                 | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1102      | Bredbury: St Mark                     | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1103      | Romiley: St Chad (Chadkirk)           | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1104      | Disley                                | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1105      | High Lane: St Thomas                  | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1106      | Low Marple: St Martin                 | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1107      | Marple                                | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1109      | Werneth (Compstall): St Paul          | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1110      | Whaley Bridge                         | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-KIWI</a>        |
| 1111      | Mellor: St Thomas                     | Chadkirk  | <a href="#">Chadkirk-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1201      | Bramhall                              | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1202      | Cheadle: All Hallows                  | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1203      | Cheadle: St Mary                      | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1204      | Cheadle Hulme: All Saints             | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1205      | Cheadle Hulme: St Andrew and Emmanuel | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1206      | Gatley: St James                      | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1207      | Handforth                             | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1208      | Heald Green: St Catherine             | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1209      | Poynton                               | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1211      | Woodford                              | Cheadle   | <a href="#">Cheadle-MANGO</a>        |
| 1301      | Alsager: St Mary Magdalene            | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1302      | Alsager: Christ Church                | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1303      | Astbury                               | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1304      | Barthomley                            | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1305      | Brereton: St Oswald                   | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1307      | Church Hulme (Holmes Chapel): St Luke | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1308      | Congleton: St James the Great         | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1309      | Congleton                             | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1311      | Eaton with Hulme Walfield             | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1312      | Elworth                               | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1313      | Goostrey: St Luke                     | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1315      | Lawton (or Church Lawton): All Saints | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1317      | Odd Rode: All Saints                  | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1318      | Sandbach: St Mary and St John         | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1320      | Smallwood: St John the Baptist        | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1323      | Swettenham: St Peter                  | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1324      | Siddington with Capesthorne           | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1325      | Marton: St James and St Paul          | Congleton | <a href="#">Congleton-PAPAYA</a>     |
| 1010      | Dunham Massey: St Mark                | Knutsford | <a href="#">Knutsford-NECTARINE</a>  |
| 1401      | Alderley: St Mary                     | Knutsford | <a href="#">Knutsford-KIWI</a>       |
| 1402      | Chelford                              | Knutsford | <a href="#">Knutsford-PAPAYA</a>     |

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|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1403      | Alderley Edge: St Philip and St James            | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-KIWI</a>      |
| 1404      | High Legh: St John                               | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-NECTARINE</a> |
| 1405      | Knutsford: St Cross                              | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-NECTARINE</a> |
| 1406      | Knutsford: St John the Baptist                   | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-NECTARINE</a> |
| 1407      | Lindow: St John the Evangelist                   | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-MANGO</a>     |
| 1408      | Lower or Nether Peover: St Oswald                | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-PAPAYA</a>    |
| 1409      | Marthall: All Saints                             | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-PAPAYA</a>    |
| 1410      | Mobberley: St Wilfrid                            | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-NECTARINE</a> |
| 1411      | Over Peover: St Lawrence                         | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-PAPAYA</a>    |
| 1413      | Rostherne with Little Bollington and Over Tabley | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-NECTARINE</a> |
| 1414      | Toft: St John the Evangelist                     | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-NECTARINE</a> |
| 1415      | Wilmslow                                         | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-MANGO</a>     |
| 1417      | Birtles: St Catherine                            | Knutsford    | <a href="#">Knutsford-KIWI</a>      |
| 1502      | Bollington Cross: St Oswald                      | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1503      | Bosley: St Mary the Virgin                       | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1505      | Gawsworth: St James the Great                    | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1506      | Henbury: St Thomas                               | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1507      | Hurdsfield: Holy Trinity                         | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1508      | Macclesfield: St Michael and All Angels          | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1509      | Macclesfield: St John the Evangelist             | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1510      | Macclesfield: St Paul                            | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1512      | North Rode: St Michael                           | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1513      | Pott Shrigley: St Christopher                    | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1514      | Prestbury                                        | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1515      | Rainow with Saltersford and Forest               | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1517      | Sutton: St James                                 | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1518      | Upton Priory: Church of the Resurrection         | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1519      | Wildboarclough: St Saviour                       | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1520      | Winkle: St Michael                               | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1521      | Macclesfield: St Peter                           | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1522      | Macclesfield: All Saints                         | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1523      | Macclesfield (Sutton): St Barnabas               | Macclesfield | <a href="#">Macclesfield-KIWI</a>   |
| 1601      | Dukinfield: St John                              | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1603      | Dukinfield: St Mark                              | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1604      | Gee Cross: Holy Trinity                          | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1606      | Hattersley: St Barnabas                          | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1607      | Hollingworth: St Mary                            | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1608      | Hyde: St George with St Thomas                   | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1611      | Millbrook: St James                              | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1612      | Mottram-in-Longdendale                           | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1613      | Newton in Mottram with Flowery Field: St Mary    | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1615      | Stalybridge: Holy Trinity and Christ Church      | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1616      | Stalybridge: St Paul                             | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1617      | Tintwistle                                       | Mottram      | <a href="#">Mottram-DRAGONFRUIT</a> |
| 1701      | Acton with Worleston                             | Nantwich     | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>      |
| 1702      | Audlem: St James the Great                       | Nantwich     | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>      |
| 1703      | Baddiley: St Michael                             | Nantwich     | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>      |
| 1704      | Burleydam: St Mary and St Michael                | Nantwich     | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>      |

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|-----------|----------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 1705      | Church Minshull: St Bartholomew        | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1706      | Coppenhall: St Michael                 | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1707      | Crewe: All Saints and St Paul          | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1708      | Crewe: St Andrew                       | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1709      | Crewe: St Barnabas                     | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1712      | Crewe: St Peter                        | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1713      | Crewe Green: St Michael and All Angels | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1714      | Doddington: St John the Evangelist     | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1715      | Haslington: St Matthew                 | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1716      | Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon: St Peter | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1717      | Nantwich: St Mary                      | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1718      | Weston                                 | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1719      | Wistaston                              | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1721      | Wrenbury: St Margaret                  | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1722      | Wybunbury: St Chad                     | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1723      | Wettenhall: St David                   | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1724      | Warmingham: St Leonard                 | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1725      | Wheelock: Christ Church                | Nantwich  | <a href="#">Nantwich-GUAVA</a>  |
| 1801      | Stockport and Brinnington              | Stockport | <a href="#">Stockport-MANGO</a> |
| 1802      | Offerton                               | Stockport | <a href="#">Stockport-MANGO</a> |
| 1803      | Edgeley and Cheadle Heath              | Stockport | <a href="#">Stockport-MANGO</a> |
| 1808      | Stockport: St Peter                    | Stockport | <a href="#">Stockport-MANGO</a> |
| 1809      | Stockport: St Saviour (Great Moor)     | Stockport | <a href="#">Stockport-MANGO</a> |
| 1811      | Stockport: St George (Davenport)       | Stockport | <a href="#">Stockport-MANGO</a> |
| 1812      | Norbury (Hazel Grove): St Thomas       | Stockport | <a href="#">Stockport-MANGO</a> |

# Appendix 3: WHO – Supporting Information

## Church Representation Rules

### Rule 37

(1) A diocesan synod must, no later than 31 December in the year before an election of its members, determine for each house of each deanery synod in the diocese the number of members to be elected by that house.

(2) In the case of an election by the house of clergy of a deanery synod, the number of members to be elected -

1. must relate to the number of members of the house, and
2. must be at least two.

(3) In the case of an election by the house of laity of a deanery synod, the number of members to be elected -

3. must relate to the number of names on the roll of each parish in the deanery as notified under Rule 10, and
4. must be at least two.

(4) The secretary of each deanery synod must, no later than 1 July in the year before an election of the members of the diocesan synod, certify to the secretary of the diocesan synod the number of members of the house of clergy of that deanery synod as at 31 May.

(5) When exercising its functions under this Rule, a diocesan synod must act so as to ensure -

5. that the number of members of the synod is between 100 and 270, and
6. that the number of members of the house of clergy and the number of members of the house of laity are approximately equal.

(6) For the avoidance of doubt, the figure of 270 given in paragraph (5)(a) includes the maximum number of persons who may either be co-opted or be nominated by the bishop.

(7) The secretary of each diocesan synod must, no later than 31 December in the year before an election of its members, certify to the secretary of each deanery synod in the diocese the numbers determined under this Rule for each house of that synod.

## Representation Calculations

Table 6 and Table 7 overleaf show how representation in 2027 would vary between the existing Deaneries and the proposed new Areas, based on current estimates of the 2026 Electoral Roll numbers and House of Clergy sizes. This uses the Minimum Representation Levels and Representation Ratios presented in Table 8.

This shows that **it is possible to generate identical representation in either system**, by adjusting the Representation Ratios slightly between the two Archdeaconries to accommodate differences in the number of new Areas between the two.

## Representation Calculations for Existing Deaneries and New Areas

**Table 6: 2027 Representation for Existing Deaneries**

| Deanery Figures      |                |               |           |             |            |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Chester              | Electoral Roll | Active Clergy | Lay Reps  | Clergy Reps | Total Reps |
| Birkenhead           | 694            | 12            | 2         | 3           | 5          |
| Chester              | 1,976          | 26            | 5         | 7           | 12         |
| Frodsham             | 726            | 10            | 2         | 3           | 5          |
| Great Budworth       | 1,357          | 12            | 4         | 3           | 7          |
| Malpas               | 1,105          | 9             | 3         | 2           | 5          |
| Middlewich           | 1,349          | 13            | 4         | 3           | 7          |
| Wallasey             | 449            | 9             | 2         | 2           | 4          |
| Wirral North         | 2,275          | 20            | 6         | 5           | 11         |
| Wirral South         | 1,416          | 10            | 4         | 3           | 7          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>11,347</b>  | <b>121</b>    | <b>32</b> | <b>31</b>   | <b>63</b>  |
| Macclesfield         | Electoral Roll | Active Clergy | Lay Reps  | Clergy Reps | Total Reps |
| Bowdon               | 1,670          | 16            | 4         | 4           | 8          |
| Chadkirk             | 1,230          | 11            | 3         | 3           | 6          |
| Cheadle              | 1,452          | 15            | 4         | 4           | 8          |
| Congleton            | 1,658          | 14            | 4         | 4           | 8          |
| Knutsford            | 1,311          | 14            | 3         | 4           | 7          |
| Macclesfield         | 1,459          | 12            | 4         | 3           | 7          |
| Mottram              | 866            | 10            | 2         | 3           | 5          |
| Nantwich             | 1,671          | 13            | 4         | 3           | 7          |
| Stockport            | 642            | 10            | 2         | 3           | 5          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>11,959</b>  | <b>115</b>    | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>   | <b>61</b>  |
| <b>DIOCESE TOTAL</b> | <b>23,306</b>  | <b>236</b>    | <b>62</b> | <b>62</b>   | <b>124</b> |

**Table 7: 2027 Representation for Proposed New Areas**

| Proposed New Area Figures |                |               |           |             |            |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Areas (Chester)           | Electoral Roll | Active Clergy | Lay Reps  | Clergy Reps | Total Reps |
| BADGER                    | 1,682          | 24            | 5         | 6           | 11         |
| DEER                      | 2,234          | 20            | 6         | 5           | 11         |
| FOX                       | 1,316          | 15            | 4         | 4           | 8          |
| HEDGEHOG                  | 1,105          | 9             | 3         | 2           | 5          |
| OTTER                     | 1,976          | 26            | 6         | 7           | 13         |
| ROBIN                     | 1,846          | 18            | 5         | 5           | 10         |
| SQUIRREL                  | 1,188          | 9             | 3         | 2           | 5          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>11,347</b>  | <b>121</b>    | <b>32</b> | <b>31</b>   | <b>63</b>  |
| Areas (Macclesfield)      | Electoral Roll | Active Clergy | Lay Reps  | Clergy Reps | Total Reps |
| DRAGONFRUIT               | 2,026          | 20            | 5         | 5           | 10         |
| GUAVA                     | 1,671          | 13            | 4         | 4           | 8          |
| KIWI                      | 1,894          | 16            | 5         | 4           | 9          |
| MANGO                     | 2,358          | 29            | 6         | 8           | 14         |
| NECTARINE                 | 2,085          | 21            | 5         | 6           | 11         |
| PAPAYA                    | 1,925          | 16            | 5         | 4           | 9          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>11,959</b>  | <b>115</b>    | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>   | <b>61</b>  |
| <b>DIOCESE TOTAL</b>      | <b>23,306</b>  | <b>236</b>    | <b>62</b> | <b>62</b>   | <b>124</b> |

**Table 8: Representation Parameters used for the Tables Above**

|                                            | Existing deaneries |              | Proposed New Areas |              |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                                            | Chester            | Macclesfield | Chester            | Macclesfield |
| Clergy Representation Ratio (Clergy / Rep) | 4                  | 4            | 3.8                | 3.7          |
| Minimum Clergy Representation / Deanery    | 2                  | 2            | 2                  | 2            |
| Lay Representation Ratio (ER / Rep)        | 380                | 380          | 355                | 380          |
| Minimum Lay Representation / Deanery       | 2                  | 2            | 2                  | 2            |