

GENERAL SYNOD**Appointment of the Chair of the Appointments Committee**

1. Under the provisions of Standing Order 126, the Chair of the Appointments Committee is appointed by the Archbishops after consultation with the Archbishops' Council and the Appointments Committee. The appointment and term of office are subject to confirmation by resolution of the Synod.
2. The function of the Appointments Committee is to make such appointments, or such recommendations for appointment, to synodical or other bodies as the Synod or the Archbishops' Council may require.
3. Mrs Margaret Swinson has served as the Chair of the Committee since 5 July 2013. Her term of office ends on 20 June 2018. She is eligible to serve for a further term. After consultation with the Appointments Committee and the Archbishops' Council, the Archbishops wish to appoint her for a further term of five years commencing on 21 June 2018.
4. Margaret Swinson has been an active member of the General Synod since 1985, and will be well known to many Synod members as a former member of the Panel of Chairs (from 1999-2005; and from 2008-12). She has a breadth of experience having served on a wide range of Synodical bodies, including the former Board for Social Responsibility, and the former Synod Standing Committee, and more recently as Vice-Chair of the Council for Christian Unity.
5. With her wide knowledge of the Church of England and drawing on her skills gleaned from her professional career as an accountant, Margaret has been a very effective Chair of the Appointments Committee. In particular, she has encouraged the Committee to bring greater diversity to the appointments that it has made. She has also brought greater transparency to its work by initiating a process for seeking expressions of interests from Synod members.
6. The Archbishops are delighted that Margaret is happy to serve for a further term, and they commend her re-appointment to the Synod.
7. A motion will be moved by one of the Archbishops inviting the Synod to confirm the appointment of Margaret Swinson as Chair of the Appointments Committee from 21 June 2018 until 20 June 2023.

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Secretary General

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