

Vacancy in the See of York

The process for the nomination of the 98th Archbishop of York

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) is the body responsible for making the nomination of the next Archbishop of York for appointment by the Queen. The Commission will be chaired by Joëlle Warren MBE who was appointed to this role by the Prime Minister on 25 April 2019.

The other members of the Commission are:

Voting Members

- The Archbishop of Canterbury
- A Bishop who has a See in the Province of York or who is retired and resident in the Province, elected by the House of Bishops*
- Six members elected by the General Synod
 - Mr Anthony Archer
 - Ms Christina Baron
 - The Revd John Dunnett
 - The Very Revd David Ison
 - The Revd Canon Judith Maltby
 - Miss Jane Patterson

- Six members elected by the Vacancy in See Committee in the Diocese of York*

Non – voting members

- Canon Caroline Boddington, Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments
- Edward Chaplin, CMG OBE, Prime Minister's Secretary for Appointments

*Elections still to take place

The Commission will meet between September and December 2019 and seeks to make a nomination before Christmas. The dates for meetings are still being finalised.

Candidates are considered by the Commission following a search process. Members of the Crown Nominations Commission are responsible for identifying people for consideration and for shortlisting for interview. Anyone who wishes to comment on the opportunities for the ministry of the next Archbishop or suggest possible candidates should email ABY98@churchofengland.org

The Archbishop of York has national, provincial and diocesan responsibilities. Within the Diocese of York, the Vacancy in See Committee had its first meeting on 10th April. The role of a Vacancy in See Committee is to prepare the Diocesan Statement of Needs (a description of the diocese and a statement setting out the desired profile of the new bishop), and to elect diocesan representatives to the Crown Nominations Commission. These elections will be conducted at its meeting in June.

The Appointments Secretaries will be conducting consultations on behalf of the Commission in the wider church and nation, as well as in the diocese, in June and July. The output of these will be presented to the Commission alongside the Diocesan Statement of Needs.

The new Archbishop will take up his or her ministry following the retirement of the Archbishop Sentamu in June 2020.

The process for the nomination of Diocesan Bishops, including Archbishops, is governed by the Standing Orders of the Church of England ([SO 136-141](#)). Further information on the process of nomination is set out in the [Briefing for Members of Vacancy in See Committees](#).

Any queries about the process should be addressed to the Church House Press Office comms@churchofengland.org / 0207 898 1326