

Election Addresses

Every candidate is entitled to ask the presiding officer to circulate an election address to the electors. The address is to be prepared by the candidate at the candidate's own expense.

In a proctorial election, the address must be in electronic form and must be capable of being printed in easily legible form on one side or both sides of a single sheet of A4 paper. The address must be submitted to the presiding officer through the elections portal (or, in the case of a person not otherwise using an email address for the purposes of the election, using an email address which has been previously notified to the presiding officer).

In a laity election, the address must be either in electronic form or in hard copy and must

(a) if it is in electronic form, be capable of being printed in easily legible form on one side or both sides of a single sheet of A4 paper; or

(b) if it is in hard copy, be on one side or both sides of a single sheet of A4 paper.

The address may be submitted to the presiding officer through the elections portal or by email or by post or personal delivery.

Any addresses submitted by email should be sent to election@europe.anglican.org

The address for submission by post or personal delivery is:

The Presiding Officer (Mr A R Hargreaves-Smith)

General Synod elections

The Diocesan Office, 14 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QZ

Election addresses will be sent by the presiding officer to the electors with the invitations to vote on Monday 21st September 2026. They **must** be received by the presiding officer by **5pm BST on Monday 7th September 2026**. The presiding officer is under no obligation to circulate addresses received after that or which are not in the required form.

The election address of every candidate will be made available on the elections portal, posted on the diocesan website and sent by post to each elector not using email. Copies of an election address to be circulated by post to any electors not using email for the purposes of the election will be made at the diocese's expense.

The election address of each elected candidate will be displayed on the diocesan website until the end of the quinquennium (or, if the elected person ceases to be a member at some earlier date, until that date).

There is no obligation to submit an election address. If a candidate does not submit an election address, the elections portal and diocesan website (and any circulation by post) will include a statement to the effect that it is displaying the election address of every candidate who provided one.

There are no specific rules on the content or layout of an election address (other than the limitation on size). However, candidates are urged to ensure that an election address is both accurate and frank about views and affiliations, including by disclosing memberships an elector might think relevant in deciding how to vote.