

General Synod Election Results from the Guildford Diocese to the House of Laity

The election count in the Guildford Diocese to elect four lay representatives to the Church of England's General Synod took place yesterday. The electorate were the 370 lay Deanery Synod members in the Guildford Diocese. 272 members voted, which is a turnout of 74%. The results, which are also on the Diocesan website <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/governance/general-synod> were:

Election of Members of the House of Laity. 14/10/2021.														
		Number to be elected 4		Valid votes 272		Invalid votes 0		Quota 54.4						
Candidates	First Preferences	Stage 2 Exclusion of ROCHE		Stage 3 Exclusion of JONES		Stage 4 Surplus of GRAHAM		Stage 5 Exclusion of VINCENT		Stage 6 Surplus of HOFMEYR		Stage 7 Surplus of ALLAN		
ALLAN, Mrs Ruth Elizabeth	42	2	44	6	50	0.81	50.81	12	62.81		62.81	-8.41	54.4	Elected
BRUINVELS, Canon Peter Nigel Edward	31	3	34	3	37	0.36	37.36	7.36	44.72	4	48.72	2	50.72	Elected
GRAHAM, Mrs Carolyn	60		60		60	-5.6	54.4		54.4		54.4		54.4	Elected
HOFMEYR, Mr Stephen	46		46	6	52	0.81	52.81	11	63.81	-9.41	54.4		54.4	Elected
JONES, Mr Clem	20	3	23	-23	-	-		-		-		-		
KING, Mr Leslie	30	1	31	5	36	2.61	38.61	3.09	41.7	1	42.7	1	43.7	
ROCHE, Mrs Helen Margaret	12	-12	-	-	-	-		-		-		-		
VINCENT, Mr Adrian	31	2	33	3	36	0.63	36.63	-36.63	-	-		-		
Non-transferable		1	1		1	0.38	1.38	3.18	4.56	4.41	8.97	5.41	14.38	
Totals	272		272		272		272		272		272		272	

As you can see above, when the first preference votes were counted I was in equal fourth place with Peter as we had each got 31 first preference votes. Under the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system, the second preference votes are then added. During that process, Peter and Leslie edged forward by a couple more votes than me and Peter got over the line.

I congratulate Ruth Allan, Canon Peter Bruinvels, Stephen Hofmeyr QC and Carolyn Graham on their election. The Diocese have chosen four dedicated people.

I am sad that I was not elected. I did my best, so fortunately I don't have the regret of thinking "if only I had done...I could have got a couple more votes and got in". I am very grateful for the support that I received. It is too early for me to know whether I will try again in five years' time.

15 October 2021
Adrian Vincent.