

Synod 2021 2023 - Questions for a synodal church

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Section 1

How is God Speaking to us through the voices that are in our midst?

How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore, including those on the peripheries?

What space is there to listen to the voices on the peripheries, especially cultural groups, women, the disabled, those who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?

Section 2

What enables or hinders you from speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in your parish and society?

What space is there in your parish for the voice of people including active and inactive members of our faith?

Section 3

How are the baptised members of your parish able to participate in the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel?

What hinders people from being active in your parish?

How is authority or governance exercised in your local parish?

How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice in your local church?

Section 4

How does your parish use the methods of listening and speaking (consultation) to make decisions?

Do the decision-making methods of your parish help you to listen to all members of the community, including those who are on the peripheries of parish life?

Section 5

How does prayer and liturgical celebrations, especially Sunday Mass, inspire and guide your parish?

How does your prayer life and celebration of the Mass inspire and inform your personal decisions and decisions in the parish community?

How does the parish invite all baptised Catholics, including our ethnic communities, youth, families and persons with disabilities and their families, into the active life of the parish, especially Sunday Mass?

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To return your **handwritten response** to the above questions please either post into the Synod 2021 2023 post-box at the entrance to each church alternatively by Royal Mail to St Margaret Mary's, 4 High Nash, Coleford GL16 8HN

Return your responses **by email** to forestrchurches@cliftondiocese.com

If you would like to join one of the three **Zoom groups** (12th, 19th, and 26th January at 7pm) to voice your responses to questions within sections 3,4 and 5 please request the Zoom invitation from Fiona by emailing her at fionaammills@hotmail.co.uk everyone is welcome.

Zoom meeting on 12th will listen to responses to questions from Section 3

Zoom meeting on 19th will listen to responses to questions from Section 4

Zoom meeting on 26th will listen to responses to questions from Section 5

(These meetings are a continuation of the three face to face meetings held at St Margaret Mary's church hall during December 2021 and heard responses to questions contained within Sections 1 and 2.)

Please answer as many or as few of the questions as you like. It would be helpful if you numbered your responses according to the section it relates to.

All responses are welcomed and will be included in the parish report back to the Clifton Diocese. Please return your response as soon as possible and preferably before the end of January.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of your parish delegates in person or via email at forestrchurches@cliftondiocese.com
Parish delegates are Jo Munn, Robert Mukiibi and Fiona Mills.

Many thanks for your participation in Synod 2021 2023