

# Deanery Synod Representative



## Volunteer Role Description

<b>Vision:</b> What's it about?	To enable the growth of St. Luke's in the mission of God by joining with others to develop the church's strategy and oversee the general running. Also to represent the church in Thanet wide church of England discussions.		
<b>Who you will be responsible to:</b>	You are elected as a representative of the church on the Deanery Synod and PCC.	<b>Support you will be given:</b>	You will be one of two Deanery Synod reps, and the vicar and curate often also attend Deanery Synod Meetings.
<b>Skills and Qualities Required:</b> Can I do it?	<b>Essential:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On electoral roll for 6 months+</li> <li>Agree with St. Luke's values and vision</li> <li>Able to join in group discussion</li> </ul>		<b>Desired:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A good knowledge of the church and its workings</li> <li>An awareness of the issues effecting the wider Church of England locally and nationally</li> </ul>
<b>How much time does it take?</b>			
<b>Preparation Time:</b>	Time to read notes 30 mins.	<b>When and where you need to be available:</b>	PCC meetings, Wednesday nights 7:30-10:00pm around 6 times a year. Deanery Synod meetings, normally 3 times a year on a Thursday evening.
<b>Is there a Trial Period available?</b> No, you are elected for a three year term: May 2026 to May 2029.			
<b>What is involved:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attending the PCC meetings and Deanery Synod meetings engaging with the discussions and debates and where appropriate voting.</li> <li>Following what is going on at St. Luke's by reading the notes before a PCC meeting and generally being involved in the church's life.</li> <li>Listening to the wider views of church members on church life.</li> <li>Positively communicating with the congregants to reinforce messages and plans for the future growth of the church.</li> <li>Voting for Diocesan Synod and General Synod representatives.</li> <li>Staying informed of the developments in the wider church locally and nationally.</li> <li>Reporting to the PCC and annual meeting on Deanery Synod.</li> </ul>		
<b>How does it grow you?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Helps you to understand better what goes on at St. Luke's</li> <li>✓ Helps you to understand better the wider Church of England.</li> <li>✓ A good experience of working with others to develop vision and strategies</li> </ul>		
<b>Training Requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Basic Safeguarding</li> <li>✓ Foundation Safeguarding</li> </ul>		

Leadership Level / faith:	Relevant Policies / Training:	Enhanced DBS Check required:
Overseer	X Data Protection / Privacy	Children
X Team Leader	X Health and Safety	Vulnerable Adult
Helper	X Financial Risk Assessment	X Without Barring
X Practicing Christian	X Safeguarding	With Barring

Thank you for considering taking on a role at St. Luke's. As a church we depend on the efforts of many volunteers and are grateful to God for their talents. We want our volunteers to be:

- **Godly:** Following Biblical Christian values and promoting the overall mission of the church.
- **Reliable:** They fulfil the role they agree or take steps to ensure they can be covered.
- **Enthusiastic:** Eager to carry out their role to the best of their abilities to serve both God and others.
- **Equipped:** They have the suitable skills, encouragement, support needed for their role.
- **Team Player:** We need people who can work in co-operation with others.
- **Safe:** They do not pose any kind of risk to those who they may have responsibility for in their role.