

# We need a new bishop and you can help...



## What can I do?

Have your say about the next Bishop of Chichester by completing a short online survey at the following link:

[tinyurl.com/next-bishop](https://tinyurl.com/next-bishop)



You can also access it via the QR Code below:



It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026. We welcome responses from everyone.

## Why do we need a new Bishop?

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May 2026, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Find out more about the process for appointing our next bishop at [www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/](http://www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancy-in-see/)

## What is a Bishop?

The Bishop is often seen as the chief pastor or shepherd, and this image helps to explain the role of the Bishop – to both lead and look after the Church in their diocese (the geographical area of responsibility for a Bishop).

The Bishop is called to lead and teach, and also to perform certain important tasks, such as ordaining the Church's ministers (priests and deacons), licensing others to carry out different types of ministry on behalf of the Church, and confirming new Christians. As 'chief pastor' the Bishop has a key role to play in the decision-making, leadership and governance of the Church – both locally and as part of the wider Church of England.

Thank you for contributing!