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Dear Colleague,

Many congratulations on your election to the new Diocesan Synod and warm thanks for being willing to serve the church in the Diocese of Oxford in this way. I look forward very much to working with you over the next three years.

This triennium will be a critical one of the Diocese as we emerge from the demands of COVID, gently regather as the people of God and engage with the challenges in God's world including the climate and biodiversity crises, the acute mental health challenges facing our young people and adults and the continued challenges of poverty, inequality and justice for all.

We continue to explore as a Diocese our calling to be a more Christ like Church for the sake of God's world: contemplative, compassionate and courageous. We will seek together to resource and encourage our churches, chaplaincies and schools and to take forward the five key areas of our common vision.

I look forward very much to working with you, to listening with you to the concerns of the diocese and to exercising wisdom, discernment and leadership together in the coming years

With kind regards and prayers

