

**THE SOCIETY**  
*under the patronage of S. Wilfrid and S. Hilda*

**BISHOPS' REPRESENTATIVES**

**General**

There is a Bishop's Representative for each Church of England diocese.

The Bishop's Representative is appointed by the Bishop(s) of the Society for that diocese, after consultation with the clergy, for a term of three years, which is renewable.

The Bishops' Representatives are members of the Beverley, Ebbsfleet, Fulham or Richborough Council, as appropriate. National meetings of all the Bishops' Representatives will be convened as occasion demands.

Where the Bishop's Representative is acting on behalf of the Bishop, his expenses will be paid from the Bishop's local account. Expenses for attendance at national meetings may be claimed from Forward in Faith.

**Person Specification**

The Bishop's Representative will be a priest who has, or could come to have, the trust of the diocesan bishop.

He will normally be a priest who holds the bishop's licence.

He will be a member of, or will be asked to join, Forward in Faith.

**Role Description**

- To act as the Bishop's officer;
- To liaise with the diocesan bishop and with the catholic clergy of the diocese;
- To represent the Bishop to others and others to the Bishop;
- To undertake tasks delegated by the Bishop;
- To build up an esprit de corps among the clergy who look to the Bishop;
- To relate to the parishes that are affiliated to the Society;
- To identify isolated members of the laity who do not belong to a parish affiliated to the Society and bring them to the attention of the Bishop;
- To monitor resolutions passed under the House of Bishops' Declaration and encourage parishes that have passed them to affiliate to the Society;
- To ensure that listings of parishes on the Society website are up to date;
- To liaise with the local branch of Forward in Faith.

Approved by the Council of Bishops

20 February 2014

**Note**

In the Church of England the Bishops' representatives replaced the Forward in Faith regional deans. In the absence of bishops with oversight of members of Forward in Faith in the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Council of Forward in Faith continues to be responsible for appointing the Dean for Scotland. Regional Deans for Wales are appointed by the Credo Cymru Provincial Council.