

With its 5.8 million members, the Church of Sweden is Sweden's largest faith community. Its Christian foundation means commitment to the value and dignity of all people and to active environmental and climate work.

As a member you contribute to experiences, joy and context for yourself and others; for example through baptisms, weddings, other services of worship, drop-in preschool, activities for children and young people, choirs and concerts.

You also contribute to preserving our shared cultural heritage in the form of buildings and traditions, and you help to support the social work of the Church for vulnerable, lonely and grieving people.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

You will find more information on where you can vote early and the groups and candidates you can vote for on the church election website:

**[svenskakyrkan.se/kyrkoval](https://svenskakyrkan.se/kyrkoval)**

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# USEFUL INFORMATION CHURCH ELECTIONS

**Church Elections**  
19 SEP 2021

## **VOTE IN THE CHURCH ELECTION**

The Church of Sweden has a democratic structure. By voting in the church election, you influence what the Church should do.

In the church election, you elect people at three levels:

### **Parish Assembly, local**

You elect people to the parish assembly in the parish or group of parishes that you live in. The parish assembly decides on the frameworks for the work that takes place close to you, such as what the parish will offer for children, young people and senior parishioners, and what music activities will be organised.

### **Election to the Diocesan Council, regional**

The Church of Sweden is divided into 13 dioceses. The Diocesan Council is the highest decision-making body in a diocese. The main task of the diocese is to support the parishes in their activities and management through expertise in several areas. For example, when a church in the diocese needs renovating, they can contribute knowledge of ecclesiastical heritage issues.

### **Election to the General Synod, national**

The General Synod is the Church of Sweden's highest decision-making body. Its 251 members decide on the joint and overarching matters of the Church, everything from how the Church should work on climate issues to which hymns to include in the hymnal.

## **HOW TO VOTE**

On election day, 19 September, you vote at your polling station. Your voting card, which you will receive in your letterbox a few weeks before the election, will state which polling station you belong to. It is important to bring your ID card to prove who you are.

### **Voting Early**

Early voting means that you vote in a location other than your own polling station. Early voting opens on 6 September and continues up to and including election day. You need to bring your voting card and your ID.