



GENERAL SYNOD

CANDIDATE OF PROCTOR IN CONVOCATION

REVEREND BEVERLEY JOYCE JAMESON

Having prayed over this role, I ask you to consider me as your representative on General Synod. I am passionate about bringing the good news of Jesus to all people in all circumstances; meeting them where they are in the diverse lives they lead.

I have been Rector St Mary's Lymm for four years. I am a governor of Lymm High School and Chair of Governors of the Beam Education Trust (a Multi Academy Trust of four primary schools in and around Lymm) I work with children and families. I am Chaplain to Royal British Legion Lymm and District, previously chair of Churches Together Lymm and District and involved in various community events in Lymm.

I was a member of the previous Chester Diocesan Synod and have been re-elected to the new Synod. I have experience, therefore, of involvement in Diocesan Synod debates and links to General Synod business. I am also an elected member of the Committee for Ministry. I am a Vocations Advisor for the Diocese and it is a privilege and pleasure to walk with people on their journey of vocation. I have been involved in leading Chester Foundation or Ministry Courses and I am accredited by Chester University as a tutor for the Lay Readers Course. I was also involved in training and supporting those exploring vocations in previous diocese. I am an elected member of the Committee for Outreach. I am co-opted onto Chester Finance and Central Services Committee making diocesan wide financial and wider strategic decisions producing proposals to Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod

I believe this wider diocesan experience and involvement in various Committees places me in a strong position to have an understanding of and be able to represent the varied issues across the whole of the diocese, not just my own Deanery. I was a Corporate Director and Deputy Chief Executive of a Local authority prior to ministry and I believe in the principle of being elected to represent all of the diocese needs.

Contextual mission is important to me I created parish partnerships with public & voluntary agencies and highly successful Messy Churches. I would be an active participant in General Synod discussions on pastoral reorganisation, particularly in relation to units of mission and parish governance church buildings and more community or ecumenical partnerships. The Transforming Effectiveness work stream of the Emerging Church Programme considers what the local Church, in whatever form, needs to flourish, and then considering what can only happen nationally, at diocesan, regional or other levels, and what should cease. This may result in a move to church plants away from parish structure. I would be actively involved in this debate, eager to represent issues from rural Cheshire to urban cities and towns and the various social / demographic backgrounds in this important debate about future ministry.

I have an inclusive and open approach and I support General Synod in promoting Living in Love and Faith to inform debates in the future for setting out the Church of England response to this consultation. I am pastoral and as a vocations advisor and in the work within the Committee for Ministry I would be a strong advocate for General Synod debates on Clergy Wellbeing and clergy training / support issues.

It would be an honour to represent the Diocese of Chester on General Synod. With the grace of God, the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, I will do my utmost to represent this Diocese justly and fairly. I hope you will consider voting for me.