

My name is Auriol Britton. I am a singer, pianist, writer, poet, spoken-word actor and very part-time artist! I also carry out disability medical-training on an occasional basis with students at the University of Bristol.

I began my Christian journey in the Methodist Church, at Sunday school. I have been a member of the Church-of-England for nearly thirty-five years. I read Theology-and-Religious-Studies at the University of Bristol, 1995-98, where I learned about Christian history and other faiths, graduating with a 2/1. I have been a committed fundraiser for Christian Aid for over twenty years, notably by carrying out a round of carol-signing every December in towns and stations, and I have undertaken other fundraisers for the organization, notably a memorised recitation of *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens, in 2012. I was involved with church-music for many years. Between 2012 and 2014, I organized three events to do with disability-awareness and training, in churches, ecumenically. I worship at St Mary Redcliffe, where I do the following duties, from time to time: being on-the-door, welcoming after services, delivering readings and prayers of intercession. I have been on Diocesan Synod since 2015, and play an active part in decision-making as a trustee of SMR.

If elected to the General Synod's House-of-Laity, I would champion lay-participation at all levels, campaigning for greater ease of involvement, encouraging as many lay-people as possible to participate in governance.

I would be an advocate for people with disabilities, in the Church.

I am very much in favour of diversity and emancipation of all people in the Church. I have progressive values, supporting same-gender blessings, and showing love towards inclusion of all people, but I combine this forward-thinking approach with an evangelical Christian faith, with the love of God and his son Jesus Christ at its heart. I want to see everyone fairly represented on General Synod, both those with more-conservative and those with more-liberal views, a Church in which everyone can live happily together, moving on with greater harmony and unity from the divisions which have too often been synonymous with the Anglican Communion in recent years.

*Auriol Britton*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Auriol Britton', with a stylized flourish at the end.