

Abby Scott: Candidate for General Synod, House of Laity

Proposed By David Cain, *Lay Chair Swindon Deanery Synod*

Seconded By Helen Watt, *Swindon Deanery Secretary*



Fun fact: *I can usually be found swimming in open-water, kayaking or attempting to surf!*

I believe the Church of England is in a unique position to truly bless and love our communities. It would be an absolute privilege to serve you, the Diocese of Bristol and wider Church of England through General Synod.

As a young person in my 30's I'm keen to serve and play my part in order to help create a secure future for the Church of England. God has given me a heart for justice and the transformation of our society.

My professional background in modern slavery prevention and child protection will enable me to bring professional and faith-based insight into discussions around safeguarding, wellbeing and issues of justice.

Professional Background

- Thames Valley Police (TVP) Corporate Governance Officer
(Previous roles in Child Protection and across the Crime Command)
- West Mids Anti-Slavery Network Network Coordinator
- Youth Action Wiltshire Clubs and Activities Coordinator
- MSc Security Sector Management Cranfield University and UK Ministry of Defence

Church Leadership Roles

- Swindon Deanery Synod Lay Member
- The Well Church Leadership Team, North Swindon
- Pattern Church Wider Leadership Team
- St Alban's (Watchfield), Youth Work Governance Board Member
- Safeguarding and Policy Volunteer, Stella's Voice (Anti-Trafficking Charity)
- UK Christian Police Association Member (since 2016)
- Other areas of service: Alpha leader, bible study leader, prayer team, social outreach e.g. Young Carers, youth ministry, kids and ladies ministry, welcome team.

If elected, I commit to:

- **Listen to God's voice** in every discussion, every decision, and prayerfully consider and be **obedient to Him** in each step.
- **Speak up in grace and truth.**
- **Keep the needs of the local church at the heart of General Synod; equipping and resourcing the local church** for mission and ministry.
- **Encourage church growth** in the wake of COVID-19 through sharing the gospel with communities who will be affected financially, physically and emotionally in the years to come.
- **Keep unity at the heart of Synod** as we seek Jesus and see the revitalisation of the Church, transformation of our communities and the evangelisation of the nation.
- **Be available to Laity via phone and email to listen** and discuss any particular matters on your heart.
- Continually seek to **represent** Laity within the Diocese.

In a time of such division across the UK and the globe, I believe as we walk in obedience and love (2 John 6), we will see lives transformed and the nation changed.

I appreciate the time you have taken to read my election address. I would truly appreciate if you would be so kind as to vote for me as your first preference vote, or the highest preference you are able to give me.

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