



Professor Roy Faulkner

I am an Emeritus Professor of Physical Metallurgy at the University of Loughborough. I have worshipped at Emmanuel Church and at St Mary in Charnwood Church in Loughborough for over 45 years. In recent years I have served on the PCC, and I hold several parish posts, including being Chairman of the Building Group at St. Mary in Charnwood. I served for a short time on Deanery Synod in the Leicester Diocese.

Before my retirement I ran a large research group at Loughborough University, concerned with High Temperature Materials and Nuclear Reactor Materials. The research was all conducted in large international teams, and the work took me to many different countries, including Europe, the USA, China, Russia, Malaysia, Japan, Australia, and Argentina. I have made a large number of Christian friends on these travels, and I spent time worshipping with many of them in their own countries. In earlier years, I was President of the East Midlands Metallurgical Society and a past Chairman of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining. Currently, I chair the Science and Technology Group of the Charnwood University of the Third Age. I have my own Consultancy, called Loughborough Materials Ltd. My university education was at University of Leeds and the University of Cambridge, Churchill College.

In the last few years, I have become increasingly concerned about the direction in which the Church of England is proceeding. This has culminated in me becoming involved with the Save the Parishes movement, run by Marcus Walker of the church of St. Bartholomew the Great in London. We are all worried that there has become too much accumulated power centred in the Diocese administration, at the expense of the power exercised by local priests in the Parishes. In Leicester Diocese, we now have a moratorium on the recruitment of new priests, accompanied by no apparent reduction in the size of the Diocese administrative machinery.

It is almost as if the leadership of the Church is interested in worshipping bureaucracy rather more than God. The reason that I am standing for election to General Synod is that I hope to make some progress in reversing this undesirable trend. There are already several like-minded people on General Synod, and the Save the Parishes movement is seeking to strengthen this presence by adding themselves to General Synod membership.

I cannot overstate that we are fighting for the survival of the Parishes right now. The Diocese bureaucracies are growing larger by the day and we have far more senior clergy than we need. A vote for me will help to reverse this disturbing trend.

I hope in this way to represent you in some very important debates and discussions in the next five years on Synod, and I will be very glad to hear your views at any time and to come to speak at your Deanery Synod or PCC about what is happening on General Synod.

Please consider making me your first preference on the ballot paper, so that I have a good chance of ensuring that a proper balance is restored between our parishes and the dioceses of the Church of England.

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I look forward to hearing from you.