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HOPING TO REPRESENT YOU AT GENERAL SYNOD
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WHO AM I?

- A hard-working, committed Parish Priest of a benefice of three churches, who is excited (but realistic) about the future of the Church of England
- Brought up in the Church of Scotland, my faith has given me experience and an appreciation of a wide-range of traditions across the Church of England. I am passionate about using the best of all our traditions to excite and interest people in Jesus.
- Member of Lichfield Diocese Racial Justice Taskforce
- Member of Diocesan Synod
- Someone who is enthused about finding ways to use creative arts to help the community express and engage with issues which affect them
- Someone who longs to **share God's love with everyone**; recognizes the **value** that **parish life** has in the mission of the church; and seeks to **safeguard** the wellbeing of all – clergy & laity, friends & strangers.



I AM PASSIONATE IN BELIEVING

- That local parish churches are, and will remain, a fundamental part of the future mission of the church. I am also passionate about making the changes which will equip those parishes to carry out their mission into the future.
- That Church Schools are an essential way to connect young people to God and the church community.
- That nothing is wasted with God. The experiences and new skills we have developed during the pandemic can equip us to reach and bring our prophetic voice to our communities.
- That the church has a major role to play in tackling the divisions we face as a society.
- That we have a unique opportunity to help address the challenges of social isolation, mental health, wellbeing and deprivation which as a nation we are facing.
- That as a church we have failed to hear and heed the voices of abused people in our midst, enabling cover-ups and abuse to continue. We need to repent and create lasting change.
- That clergy well-being is a priority, if we are to care for the well-being of our community.

WHY VOTE FOR ME?

- As a parish priest, I closely follow the work of Synod, and feel called to play my part in creating the changes which will secure locally based, parish ministry into the future.
- Before ordination my professional career was in the legal sector, so I understand the role and impact legislation has on those of us who work at the coal-face of parish ministry.
- I have an avid interest in following politics and current affairs and am passionate about using the privileged role which we have as clergy and a church for the good of all in society.
- I have a determination to equip those in the pews in my parish with the tools they need to be able to engage with and consider how issues of ethics and morality are intrinsically linked to their lives as followers of Jesus Christ. Through its involvement in discussions many important issues including LLF, Climate Change and Racial Justice, General Synod has a key role to play in modelling and reflecting the very discussions we should also be having in our pews.
- From Lament to Action, the report of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce, has made clear the scale of the work we have ahead of ourselves to fully address racism in the church and in society. I am determined to play my part in doing so.
- I long to see a church which is confident and well-informed enough to speak out about the issues which affect all God's people.
- As someone who is dyspraxic, I delight in the gifts and skills which those of us who are neurodiverse bring to the Church. However, I am also only too aware of the challenges and difficulties which we can sometimes face. I believe that Synod and the Church will only benefit if it is able to hear the voices of all. I will always fight to ensure that there are no barriers in the way of anyone who feels called to be a part of the mission or governance of the Church.
- Thanks to the work of our church schools, we play an important part in helping all our pupils bloom. We need a synod which remains focused on growing faith not just in our churches but in our schools and households, and I know that I can help it to do so.

