



Revd. Zoe Heming

Hoping to represent you at General Synod

Nominated by: Revd. Philip Swan & Revd. Matthew Lefroy

Who am I? (*Posts and areas of service*)

- ***Hard working Vicar who is plain speaking & hopeful about the future C of E.***
- ***A rural "Midlands" Vicar's wife & mum of 3 teenagers.***
- ***Priest-in-Charge at St Andrews, Church Aston (an Inclusive Church).***
- ***Enabling All Diocesan Officer (0.5 disability adviser role for parishes & people)***
- ***Founder member of the group Accessible Synod - seeking to amplify the perspectives of disabled people across all agendas of C of E.***
- ***A member of the Panel of Chairs at General Synod.***
- ***Experienced at working well with partners across traditions & perspectives in various committees I served on during 2015-2021 at General Synod.***

What am I passionate about?

- ***Local parish churches sharing God's love!***
- ***Incorporating learning from COVID19 pandemic into patterns of ministry in a hybrid church.***
- ***The pastoral & prophetic role of churches in their communities, especially in social isolation, mental health & wellbeing.***
- ***Creating networks & partnership across traditions & community groups to create change.***
- ***Developing & incorporating the gifts in all lay people in church community.***
- ***Listening to young people to help them find their place in the Church.***
- ***Racial, climate & social justice at the heart of the Good News we share.***
- ***Improving access to our historic buildings as a precious community resource.***
- ***Welcoming, valuing & working with disabled people in our church communities.***
- ***Removing barriers to people living out their Christian vocations.***
- ***Greater diversity of leadership to better reflect the communities we serve.***





Why vote for me as 1st or 2nd choice?

Over the last 6 years of serving as an Elected Rep. for the Lichfield Diocese, I have learned fast & worked hard. I am ready to build on this experience.

During my last term of office, I have been able to offer input & collaborate with others across many national C of E agendas, advocating for our local parishes & people back at home.

I was able to play a key role in a full Access Audit of General Synod (London) & want to complete this work (at the York site), working to remove barriers to effective participation in General Synod for all elected members. If elected again, I will continue to campaign for an end to discrimination in its many forms.

As a new Chair of Synod, I have been able to encourage a broader range of voices & perspectives in debates across a range of issues.

At least 1 in 5 of all parishioners now live with a disability. Yet people with disabilities are still rarely involved in decision making. I am committed to our churches hearing & responding to the experience of disabled people in all areas of their life and witness.

I am focused on helping overlooked or excluded people finding their place in the Body of Christ. I believe these changes can be made and that I can be an effective advocate of this on your behalf through public speaking and through opportunities in print, social media and radio.

I passionately believe General Synod can help to create a more just Church where gender, ethnicity, sexuality, disability & economic status are no barrier to being part of the Church's mission to share the Gospel so that all people can find faith in God's love.

I'd be happy to hear from anyone wanting to know more at:

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