



Rev. Suzan Williams

Rector of Whittington and
West Felton with Haughton
Oswestry Deanery
Salop Archdeaconry

Proposed by Rev Chris Precious, seconded by Rev Linda Cox

Prior to Ordination:

2003-2011 – involved lay congregant of St Mary's, Highley, Hereford diocese, experience of PCC, Deanery Synod. Also experience in working with families and youth.

2008-2011 – Training, with WEMTC for Ordained ministry

From Ordination

- 2011 – Ordained Deacon
- 2011-2016 – Assistant Curate with Church Stretton, All Stretton and Little Stretton, Conover Deanery
- 2012 – Ordained Priest
- 2015 – Became a women's rep for the New wine network in the South and South West
- 2016 – Licensed and installed as Team Vicar in the Wrockwardine Deanery and as a result gained an in depth understanding of the challenges and blessings of Rural ministry.
- 2019 – Commissioned as Area Bishops rep for Women's ministry in the Salop Archdeaconry
- 2019 – Appointed as Head of Rural ministry for the New wine leaders network
- 2020 – Licensed and Installed as Rector of the parishes of Whittington and West Felton with Haughton

Important issues for the next Quinquennium of General Synod:

- **Living in Love and Faith** – the church across the nation is being asked to engage with the teaching and learning materials in order that General Synod may:
 1. Listen attentively to what is emerging from the learning across the dioceses.
 2. Explore possibilities for our life together as a Church
 3. Plan into the future as discernment leads to decision making in 2022.
- **Replacement of the Clergy disciplinary measure**, within the wider conversations regarding clergy well-being. The current measure is not fit for purpose and it is vital that its replacement is well crafted and the experience of those going through it is acknowledged and taken into account when the new process is formulated and put into practice.
- **Inclusion and Accessibility**, there is so much more room for improvement when it comes to the accessibility and inclusion for all, at all levels and frameworks of how we operate and function as the body of Christ.

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The diocese of Lichfield is very mixed in its welcoming and inclusion of not only women to ordained ministry but also around disability and the inclusion of same sex couples and there is much to be done in providing safe spaces for the discussions to progress well with all voices been heard and taken into account.

- **Mixed Ecology Church**, the recent Vision and Strategy paper presented to General Synod encourages the church to look forward and plan for a sustainable structure to carry the church into the 21st Century. With the intention of pursuing, not only simpler structures but also enabling and equipping our members to express their faith in a confident and life giving way. Simpler structures will enable us as clergy on the ground to focus more on the mission and ministry of the church on the ground to those in need.
- **Climate change**, the church, has a responsibility to lead the way at all levels in relation to the stewardship of the environment and trying to not only reduce our carbon footprint but also to enable parishes to make better choices in terms of the care of our historic buildings, churchyards and also land in our care.

Personal: I am married to Darren and we have four grown up children and five grandchildren with another on the way.

I hope you will trust me with your first preference vote, and that I will have the opportunity to serve you in the next General Synod.