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Nelson Street Church, Rochdale
General Synod Candidate 2021



I am putting myself forward to serve at the General Synod because I am passionate to see:

- The Church of England thrive and grow
- A sense of unity and consensus across the whole church
- Social transformation – our local communities positively impacted by the Good News
- The younger generations filling our churches
- Programmes established that help develop spiritual maturity, equipping and releasing lay people in whole-life discipleship

Background Info

I have been married to James for 32 years. Before coming to faith we founded and directed a partner dance franchise company called Ceroc Enterprises Ltd.

When I came to faith in my twenties, my life was profoundly impacted, and church replaced dance as my primary passion. I soon began working for my church as Operations Manager, and then, a couple of years later was involved in church-based mission first in New Zealand and then in the USA. On my return from the States, I sensed God's call to ordained ministry, so began the discernment process. Once accepted, I received my training at St Mellitus College, and then served as a curate, at St Saviour's Church in Guildford. And then last year, I answered a strong sense of calling and following a Bishop's Mission Order from the Diocese of Manchester, I moved to Rochdale to establish a new church congregation in the centre of town.

Areas of Interest

Church of England's new vision and strategy

"I believe it is very important to have clear direction and strategy. I am therefore encouraged by the creation of the new vision and strategy for the Church of England to become simpler, bolder and humbler. We need to ensure we listen carefully to one another and provide the right resources to support mission and ministry at a parish level."

Climate change

Climate change is one of the most serious challenges facing the world today, so I am grateful for the attempts being made to make a difference both by the way we use our investment portfolio and by the championing of eco-friendly initiatives in every parish. I want to see the Church of England taking an even greater role in leading by example in this area.

Education

Our Church of England schools play a very significant role in shaping future generations. They also provide a great opportunity for connection with our wider communities. However, the age demographics of those in our churches often do not reflect this. I want to see new ways of strengthening the ties between church schools and parishes.

Mission and Evangelism

I believe the local church is the hope of the world. If we are to be a church of missionary disciples, we must find creative ways of equipping, encouraging and releasing lay people to reach those around them. We also need to ensure good support is provided for every church and parish. If elected, I will do all I can to keep mission and evangelism at the top of the agenda.

What can you expect from me

If elected, my hope is to support and encourage

- Unity and diversity within the Church of England
- Strategy and resource to support growth in every church and parish
- Initiatives to release and equip lay people

I would really value your 1st Preference Vote in the coming election.

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