

# General Synod Elections

## House of Clergy Candidate:

### Revd Laura Hnatiuk



Rector - Steeplewood Fold  
Condover Deanery  
Ludlow Archdeaconry

Member of General Synod – 2015-2021

*Nomination proposed by Rev. Geoff Garrett*  
*Nomination seconded by Rev. Ruth Hulse*



### Personal

I'm married to Pab, a senior nurse in the NHS. We have a blended family of six children and seven grandchildren.

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.

### Overview

#### From Ordination:

2016 – present – Rector of the Steeplewood Fold (Dorrington, Leebotwood, Longnor, Smethcott, Stapleton & Woolstaston – 6 small parishes lying between Church Stretton and Shrewsbury, at the northern end of the Diocese)

2015 – 2021 – member of General Synod

2013 – Ordained Priest

2012 – 2016 – Assistant Curate with Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team Ministry, Bridgnorth Deanery.

#### Prior to Ordination

2012 – Ordained Deacon

2010 -2012 – Ordination training at The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Birmingham.

2007 – Licensed as Reader.

2004 – 2007 – Training, with WEMTC, for Reader Ministry.

1999 – 2004 – Involved lay congregant of St. Mary's Highley, experience of PCC, Deanery Synod, Deanery Pastoral Committee. Also experience of leading Children's work and Youth Work.

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### 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 Discipline Measure

Within the wider conversations regarding clergy well-being. The current measure is not fit for purpose and it is vital that it's replacement is well crafted and used appropriately.

#### Mixed Ecology Church

The recent Vision and Strategy paper presented at General Synod encourages the church to look forward and plan for a sustainable structure to carry the church into the 21st century. It is vital that money is spent wisely, reducing duplication across Dioceses yet also ensuring flexibility and decision making at local levels (PCC & Deanery). I am a 'normal parish priest', working at the coalface of parish life – General Synod must include the perspectives and votes of parish clergy.

#### Inclusion and Accessibility

There is much to be done enable and ensure inclusion and accessibility for all, at every level of church life and the structures we operate within.

The church must face the challenge of ensuring we do all we can to enable all to flourish, regardless of gender, sexuality, race, disability. I am a member of Inclusive Church and a supporter of The Campaign for Equal Marriage.

The Diocese of Hereford has, in my own experience, been a female friendly Diocese to live, worship and minister in. However this is not the experience of many women across the Church of England and I believe it is important that the voice and votes of women are vital.

#### Climate change

the church, at all levels, must be willing to work towards a greener future. General Synod must hold the church to account regarding investments and targets, and ensure that the structures parishes operate under enable environmental protection, especially regarding the use of land and the care of buildings and churchyards.