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Married to Julia with two sons Rob and Mason

I had a career in H.M. Revenue and Customs (formerly Inland Revenue) dealing both with Employers and Employees (Schedule E) and the Self Employed (Schedule D). Most of the time I was a manager and ended up managing two and on occasions three Enquiry Centres. I was also a Local Radio Broadcaster helping people to understand Tax.

In addition I, with my wife and our son Rob, run a Video Production Company and for 18 years filmed the prestigious British Ballroom and Latin Championships at Blackpool.

I started my spiritual journey when I was about 10 years old and became a committed Christian about 5 years later. I have served on Deanery and Diocesan Synods and Bishops Council. I am a church warden and have organised with, colleagues, Lay-led services in our local Pub and since Covid on Zoom. Also with my wife I have been involved with the "Open the Book" group at a local school. For many years I was secretary to the Diocesan Council for Mission and Unity which has since served its purpose. I believe we must work with our Christian brothers and sisters in other Denominations to share the love of Jesus Christ with a world that is becoming increasingly secular. I am a member of Full Gospel Businessmen and am President of Hereford Chapter and a Field Representative. We invite Lay men to share their journey how they became followers of Jesus Christ

The Covid Pandemic has changed us beyond imagination and lockdowns prevented us from being with our families and friends during very difficult times. How NHS staff have managed to cope I do not know and we owe an immense debt of gratitude to them and all service industries from dustmen to posties to those working to provide us with food and other essential services – **thank you**. However looking at positives we have attracted people, who would not come to church, to our Zoom and YouTube services and there have been so many neighbours helping each other. As we get back to what is called the "new normal" we must not abandon the other ways we reached people and encourage them to join with us. What I think Covid highlighted for us is the need to continue and enhance our essential role in the community. We have found across the country many congregations have reduced in numbers but particularly in rural areas this is not the case and we have seen some increase.

The Anglican Church is facing many difficult issues pastorally, administratively and financially but with God's help we will grow stronger but I believe we all need to continue to seek His will for the church which we have responsibility for. The work in our communities will grow especially now we will have a considerable increase of refugees from Afghanistan and other countries whom we need to show the love of Jesus to!

If elected I will work to help make the mission of the church relevant in the community and continue to grow in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**