

General Synod Elections House of Clergy Candidate: Revd Dr Phillip Brown



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I have decided to accept to stand because I feel that we need to help clarify what we are to be in the 21st Century. Being a Christian today is, as is always true, different depending on context and environment. Our core faith is timeless yet our living out of it isn't.

I feel we need to recast our eyes upon the past in order to discover afresh what it means to be Christian in a non-Christian context. Often, we are not helped by the past but rather hindered by it. I hope to be the voice of a "progressive orthodoxy" in which we honour our past by being Christians today in our own time not theirs.

Too much time has been spent on issues of money, sex and sexuality and structure. We need to accept that our context is not that of the first centuries of the Church and we have come to inhabit a culture and context far removed from even a few centuries ago.

The world has changed, and we need to change with it, proclaiming Christ in our own time and context rather than trying to live in someone else's.

It's time for change, time for recalibration, time to embrace our own age as the Church of today.