

Nadine Daniel BEM

Standing for the House of Laity of General Synod

Nominated by Tracey Rogers (Toxteth & Wavertree Deanery)

Seconded by Kieran Bohan (Toxteth & Wavertree Deanery)



About Me

I am 58, married to Philip and whilst not blessed with children, we are owned by an entertaining clowder of cats. My passion is music in all its iterations, and I subscribe to St Augustine's belief that "they who sing, pray twice". I feel called to serve the Church through General Synod, as I believe that we are at a critical time in the life of the Church, when decisions made now will determine whether the Church of England is able to flourish and bring people to life in all its fullness through the Gospel message, or whether the Church will become irrelevant, failing to take the opportunity to transform lives and communities. Although my parents were not regular church attenders, my faith has always been central to my life since I joined the choir of Christ Church, Norris Green aged seven. After a few peripatetic years spent worshipping in various traditions, I joined the Cathedral's congregation aged fifteen. In November 2013 I was excited to be invited by Canon Bob Lewis to join the somewhat counter-cultural, Liberal Catholic church plant at St Margaret of Antioch, Princes Road, where we say that all are welcome always and have been delighted to be part of an eclectic, growing, and flourishing faithful community that serves a diverse parish. I have been active at Parish, Deanery, Diocesan, and National Church level.

- ✦ Represent the congregation on the Cathedral Company Committee.
- ✦ Member of the readers and intercessors rota, both at the Cathedral and St Margaret of Antioch.
- ✦ Serving on PCC, deanery synod, diocesan synod and the Vacancy in See Committee.
- ✦ Member of the DPMC for Toxteth and Wavertree Deanery.
- ✦ In January 2021 was elected Lay Chair of the Deanery, which has been a very sharp learning curve.
- ✦ I am the only Anglican commissioner of the Liverpool Archdiocese Justice & Peace Commission
- ✦ As National Refugee Officer, I contributed briefing and background papers on topics such as Roma support, Windrush, and Refugee Employment for General Synod. I also answered written questions, and drafted amendments and speeches. I organised several fringe events around issues of forced migration.
- ✦ I attended every Synod whilst a national officer and have in consequence, a very good working knowledge of its structures and working methods.

My work experience includes:

- ✦ Campaigns & Strategy Lead for UK Welcomes Refugees and UK Welcomes Hong Kongers. Providing training, information, and encouragement for mainly faith based organisations engaged in support for those seeking refuge across the UK. Currently working on enabling support for Afghan refugees
- ✦ National Refugee Welcome Coordinator, Archbishops Council, Church of England. Church of England lead in development of the Community Sponsorship Scheme to welcome Syrian refugees, and all issues of forced migration. Above all, working with local parishes across almost every Diocese in England to bring often diverse communities together to welcome a stranger and help them resettle in their midst
- ✦ Appointed Diocesan Inter Faith Advisor and Anti-Slavery Officer by Bishop Paul in 2015
- ✦ Worked with Canon Cynthia Dowdle OBE to research and set up HOPE+ [now Micah Liverpool], which I project managed from 2012 -2017. HOPE+ became one of the largest independent emergency food aid providers in the UK. I developed community support for the many refugees we assisted. I helped to set up Feeding Liverpool, having given evidence to the Feeding Britain Enquiry.
- ✦ I practiced as a Barrister at the Criminal Bar from 1987-2011. Of no other job could you say, "all life is here".

I know that to live out my life as a Christian in an incarnational and faithful way, my faith has to be one of witness to Christ's teaching in everything that I do. Acknowledging that I am human and imperfect, I continue to strive to do all that I can do in Christ's service.

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Nadine Daniel BEM General Synod Election 2021

I feel called to serve on General Synod, as the Church of England faces important decisions about its future direction.

Mission and Growth

I want to see a living, faithful, growing church in every part of our country. However, we have to be honest, the Church of England is facing significant difficulties. Attendance is down. Too much is being asked of our clergy, leading to health issues and early resignations. We need to be realistic about the challenges we face, some of which are of our own making. Often the door to a church can become a barrier to the wider community, who do not feel part of the “Holy Club”. We must recognise the gifts God has given to all of us and use them. “Setting God’s People Free” is symptomatic of all that is good in the Church of England, but also an example of all that can be a barrier to moving forward. An excellent idea to recognise the talents that all of us laity can bring, written in a language so dense as to befuddle a church lawyer. Whilst we can take heart from the signs of growth that are emerging post pandemic, that needs to be nurtured and encouraged. I have rejoiced in the growth the community at St Margaret’s has achieved and would like to see that in every parish

Inclusion

I am passionate about inclusion for all. No one should be excluded from living their lives in Christ. I believe in a church for everyone, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health or sexuality. We are all “Wonderfully and fearfully made in the image of God”, we are all invited to the Lord’s table. I am fully supportive of women’s ministry and equality for LGBT+ Christians, at all levels and in all roles in the church. In Toxteth and Wavertree Deanery we rejoice in the diversity of our parishes, representing every form of Anglicanism, and that we can come together in mutual flourishing and respect for one another. I am equally passionate about ecumenism. As community outreach programmes such as HOPE+/Micah Liverpool have demonstrated, we do things better together.

Service in the Community

I have seen how the church grows when it is there for its community, particularly for those in need. The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted all sorts of inequalities in society, but also how the Church can and should be Christ in the world. We can only achieve this by listening to each other. I love that the Church of England is a broad church. We have more that unites us than divides us, even though this places strains when we deal with difficult issues. I am from a Liberal-Catholic background and both at local and national level, have worked well with church communities from all iterations of the Church of England and beyond. We are at our best when we listen honestly to each other and value one another.

As a former national officer, I have been a small cog in General Synod secretariate for over four years and have accrued a very good working knowledge of every aspect of the working of General Synod. as a result, I am well briefed on the current issues – Living in Love and Faith, Clergy Discipline Measure, Resource Churches, Safeguarding and IICSA, and more.

I will leave the last word to Tracey Rogers, who has nominated me:

“I am writing in support of Nadine Daniel's application for General Synod. I have known Nadine for many years both at Liverpool Cathedral and at St. Margaret of Antioch, Toxteth. She is a great candidate for the position as she demonstrates the knowledge and empathy to handle decisions sensitively and always with the best interests of the Church and the Mission of God in her heart.

Thank you for reading my electoral statement, I hope you will give me your first preference vote. If you would like to contact me about anything, I would be very happy to hear from you.

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