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Local Church & Community involvement

- * A believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Hope of the nations – and that means this nation too!
- * A Lay Reader, PCC Member and Church Warden at St Helens Parish Church. An active member for 40+ years, during which time our Grade II listed building has undergone one major and one minor re-ordering.
- * My wife and I live in St Helens. Married for 31 years, we have three adult children (one married and one soon-to-be) and one grand-daughter. Our children are all actively following Christ in their local churches.
- * I preach regularly, studying the Bible for all *its* worth, and all *we're* worth, expecting to hear God speak today – and He does! What an encouragement!
- * My wife and I lead a small weekday Missional Community. We open our town centre church building each Wednesday morning and see who shows up! Recently it has included asylum seekers.
- * I chair a local Charitable Trust offering grants to schools, churches and community projects.
- * During lockdown, I led a small team establishing The Peace Woodland, a pocket Green Space for the local community - a real tonic for one's mental health!

Past involvements

- * Treasurer for *St Helens Street Pastors* for 3 years.
- * Experience of leading *youth groups, Bible Study and Cell Groups*. I also led our *Music Group* at church for several years. I play piano, organ and African drum.
- * Founded the *African Refugee Education Project*, educating South Sudanese Refugees, studying in Uganda. This work ran from 2006 through to 2020. Some of the sponsored children have successfully completed A Levels & University.

Working Life

- * Now aged 64, I was a High School Physics Teacher before I retired. I tutor Physics students part-time.
- * Before my 12 years teaching Science, I was an Engineer in the Cable-making industry for 20+ years.
- * I saw rapid technology change from the start of the fibre optics revolution which enabled today's internet.
- * I worked to harmonise technical standards within the industry. Not exactly General Synod! But it *did* involve close listening and working to achieve good relationships with people from different nationalities.

Early Life, Family and Current interests

- * Born in Uganda, when I was aged 16 our family had to return to the UK because of Idi Amin. I witnessed the reconciling power of Jesus, both between tribes and between black and white. My godfather was the first African Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Uganda. His successor Janani Luwum was martyred.
- * I helped care for my godly mum as dementia gradually took hold. She died in 2015 aged 97.
- * I sing second tenor with Haydock Male Voice Choir.
- * Passionate about Christian apologetics, especially the many recent scientific discoveries revealing God's 'eternal power and divine nature' (Romans 1:20)

What I believe I can bring to General Synod

- * I will seek to represent all the laity and, if elected, I will commit to being available to electors and to providing feedback.

Two particular issues where I can contribute:

- * 1. Facing up to *the massive urgency of Climate Change*. My technical background, plus experience with low-carbon heat, power, and transport.
 - * 2. *Jesus gave us a main task, to make disciples*. How can we in the Church of England sustain our focus on this main task, rather than constantly being distracted by other issues such as our beautiful buildings?
- * Living in Love and Faith: I have taken part in a Deanery group and will help facilitate a study group in my own church. I hold to the traditional Anglican and biblical teaching on marriage. My hopes for all our LLF discussions: that they will be full of grace and truth.
 - * *Please would you vote for me?* In any event may you know God's rich blessing and his peace.