

Dear Elector,

### Introduction

I would be grateful if you can consider voting for me in the forthcoming election of lay representatives to General Synod from Rochester Diocese.



### Personal Background

My name is Jonathan Hutton.

I'm 54 years old and was born in Tunbridge Wells. I've lived in the Bromley area all my life. I am married to Lisa and we have two children; Jasmine and Daniel.

We have a pet parrot; Cedric, and a cat; Pixel.

### Family

My parents live in Petersfield. My brother and sister live nearby in Hampshire.

### Work

I'm a chartered Quantity Surveyor and work for a consultancy based in Orpington. The majority of my work focusses on repair, refurbishment and new build construction of social housing.

### Church

I was baptised and brought up in the Church of England. As a family we worshipped occasionally, neither encouraged nor discouraged from attending as we saw fit. Whilst my early experience of Church didn't give me an extensive theological experience, it didn't influence any future engagement.

Fast forward to when Lisa and I were planning to marry in 2001 and we decided on a ceremony in our local Church; Bromley Parish Church St. Peter and St. Paul. The vicar at the time encouraged us to attend in preparation for our wedding and we were welcomed into the congregation. We've been attending regularly since 2001. Both our children have grown up as churchgoers and we have all become involved in many different aspects of Church life. My mother is now also a regular at her local Church in Petersfield and is a sidesperson.

As far as Church activities go, the following are my various commitments:

- PCC member
- CTCB representative (also treasurer)
- Fabric committee member
- Deanery Synod member (also secretary)
- Chalice Assistant
- Lesson Reader
- Intercessor
- Holiday Club leader
- Audio Visual Technician
- Bellringer

### Views

I don't really have any preconceived ideas about General Synod. If elected I intend to adopt an open minded approach, considering all aspects of matters being discussed before reaching a conclusion. I believe General Synod are obliged to steward the Church through modern life, to ensure it remains relevant and so perpetuate the way of Christ in society for the benefit of all.