



"But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

Brother, sister, let me serve you... on General Synod.

Why should Kev Smart have your first preference vote?



Proposer: Michael O'Connor
Rochester St Peter & St Margaret's Church,
Rochester Deanery

Seconder: Roy Humphrey
Christ Church, Bexleyheath,
Erith Deanery

He cares deeply about the following things, *do you?*

GROWING THE CHURCH

- Strengthening leadership at all levels
- Enabling potential in the young, encouraging the able, including the unable
- Succession planning, coaching from wisdom and experience, without constraint
- Encouraging congregational and community voice
- Vision and strategy, securing understanding, ownership and engagement

LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL IN CHRIST

- Immersing in the spirit of now, wherever 2 or 3 are gathered
- Engaging with, and learning from, the marginal and under-represented
- A church for the living, relevance, routine, and relationship
- Safeguarding the vulnerable, especially those in diverse communities

STEWARDING RESPONSIBLY

- A parish for parishioners, spiritual and physical membership for all
- Footprint and legacy, net zero carbon emissions for all
- Modelling simpler, more ecologically sustainable, and proactive, lifestyle choices



What can he offer General Synod from his lay life?

PROFESSIONAL SKILL SET



Kevin is a local government **education officer** within the school effectiveness service at Medway Council. Here he is being interviewed on radio by local primary school councillors. Entering teaching at the same time as the introduction of the national curriculum in 1989, he has taught in a range of state and international schools. Qualifying as a **headteacher** in 2000, he led two large state schools and **chaired** local authority **policy groups**.

By 2002 he was a headteacher European **representative** of the Royal Opera House and in 2012 he led on establishing the ROHBridge **creative network** amongst primary schools in the local authority. This work developed into a **partnership** between key stakeholders, establishing an *Education Cultural Partnership*. Since joining the local **improvement drive**, he's **co-authored** several leadership programmes. After a successful **bid** to the Department of Education, the impactful *Effective Leadership: Inclusion* (2018) programme saw headteachers visiting prisons to better understand cause and effect of exclusion.

As a **life-long Christian** outside of education, he's a **qualified musician** and leads the music ministry at St Peter's, Walworth. Living with his **modern family** in Rochester, you'll often see him enjoying the delights of the High Street, Cathedral and walking his Rottweiler, Zara.

How does this benefit his church?



Collaborates with the PCC mission action planners to effect change due to the growing congregation



Mentors young people to take on roles within the liturgy, expanding the age profile, and embracing three year olds and adults alike



Advises on the *Diddy Disciples* steering group to shape the international use of this resource for children in their early years



Encourages the inclusion of young children with special educational needs in the liturgy and supported adults in their understanding of disability



Nurtures the leadership of lay people to develop their talents, encouraging wider participation in singing and leading worship



Leads the music ministry and created a digital library of backing tracks for online worship throughout the pandemic

Thank you, I'd really appreciate the gift of your first vote.

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