

Reverend Canon Valerie Plumb



General Synod member 2019 -2021

Nominated by: The Venerable Guy Elmore.

Archdeacon of Buckingham.

Seconded by: Reverend Canon Rosie Harper.

Chaplain to the Bishop of Buckingham, writer and religious commentator.

Who am I?

Currently I work alongside the Buckingham Area Team as an Area Dean for rural mission and development. This work has allowed me to amongst other things to explore pioneering mission work in rural areas, developing new strategies and reordering resources.

Since being in the diocese I have held other posts simultaneously, including specialist pastoral priest working with parishes in distress and currently as an interim rural dean for the Mursley deanery.

My work also includes mentoring, training, and presentation in rural ministry, and I represent the diocese on the national rural evangelism network.

What's important to me?

Firstly, despite the decline in church attendance, spirituality is still very much on the agenda and developing new ways of making the church assessable remains high on my to do list!

I believe that the church is for all, so I am committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health or sexuality.

Currently, I am the Convenor of Oxford diocese for the newly emerging grass roots movement group Mosaic. Making the church assessable to all is important to me and especially physically too, I would like to see some change in how we care for our clergy, ensuring a fair capability procedure for all. Also, as a registered disabled person I remain on the DAC as someone who can advise both rurally and in the area disability too. I am also a member of the newly created diocesan Disability Working Group.

Finally, as we move forward as a church for all, I believe that local and lay ministry is paramount in fuelling a future of successful mission, particularly in the countryside. Therefore, it's critical that we ensure proper training and support for our lay brothers and sisters.

What can I take to Synod for you?

I feel a called to serve again on General Synod because there needs to be positive change, questions need to be asked about central management, right decisions need to be made that make for a better future.

I take over 20 years of ordained experience along with a personality that isn't afraid to ask the difficult questions or challenge those in power. I want to help the church make a real difference in all areas of life.

'Let us stir up one another to love and good works' Hebrews 10:24

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Thank you so much for taking time to read my statement, if you want to ask further questions, I would be delighted to hear from you.