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## Who am I?

I am a 23-year-old student in my final year of theological studies at university, also working in a Church of England Parish. I am passionate about the Good News, the love of God, and the future and unity of the Anglican Church.

## What sets me apart?

I have a unique insight into the younger demographics of the Church of England. Having engaged with both traditional and contemporary ways of doing worship, I can offer a fresh perspective which reconciles the richness and beauty of Anglican tradition, with the needs of younger generations.

## Parish Experience:

I have spent the past 4 years working at Buckingham Parish Church in a number of different capacities, from Outreach Pastor, to intern, and most recently Youth Pastor. I am soon to be starting a placement as Junior Pastor at St Peter's Loudwater.

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## Proposed and seconded by:

Dr Andrew Gibson and Beth Jeremy of  
Buckingham Parish Church

Dear Elector, I hope and pray that, if God so wills it, you will be persuaded by my proposal to see the positive impact I can bring to General Synod and vote for me.

## What do I stand for?

### Firstly, Young People and the Future Church.

As a former youth pastor, it is my conviction that if we hope to see the numbers of young people in our churches sustained, and church attendance grow, we need to pay careful attention to the needs and hearts of our youth, with greater representation for them in Synod. We must also consider how our decisions might affect the Anglican Church, not just today, but for future generations.

### Secondly, Evangelism Through Social Action.

I am passionate about social justice and God's love for the poor and oppressed. As the early church soon realized, there are few better ways of evangelising and making new disciples than helping those in need. In doing this, we can be a true light of the world, serving others as Christ did, whilst also rebuilding church attendance here in the UK.

### Thirdly, Church Unity.

My heart yearns and longs for us, as the body of Christ, to be reconciled to one another in the peace of God. That where we might differ on certain views, the gospel can be what unites us. I am also persuaded that Jesus looks so much more attractive to the secular world when his Church is filled with the love, grace, and truth of the gospel. Through issues like youth evangelism, climate change, the environment, and social action, I believe the church can come together in unity.

### Fourthly, Living in Love and Faith (LLF).

I am eager to ensure that the Church, on a national level, engages openly and honestly with the LLF initiative. It would be wise for any decisions Synod make on social issues to be made through a careful and prayerful consideration of the LLF resources. Through LLF, I am confident that we can learn and reflect on how to better love one another and our communities.

### Fifthly, Caring for God's Creation.

Created in His likeness as stewards of Creation, God has trusted us to care for and love that which he has made. It is one of the initial callings for all people; and the Church would do well to be a light - leading the world in loving God's creation through environmental care.