

General Synod Election Address
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Dear colleague,

This is my first time standing for General Synod, and I invite you to prayerfully consider whether you can vote for me.

I have been encouraged to stand for General Synod based on my role in the parish, my role within the leadership of the Oxford Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, and my heart for local and global Anglican Communion Gospel-unity.

I have been convinced to stand because of the continued opportunity that the Church of England has to proclaim the Gospel afresh in every generation. I am encouraged each day that the Gospel we are called to proclaim has been uniquely revealed in Holy Scriptures. Thus, on General Synod I want to encourage brothers and sisters in Christ to enjoy and uphold the inheritance of Christian truth in the Church's historic formularies, the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priest and Deacons.

I am the Incumbent of a parish that has both a rural and semi-urban feel. I therefore come with a heart for both urban and rural needs.

My particular experience and passions are for:

- **Clergy appointments and the local church**

I serve on the Board of Patronage for Oxford Diocese and delight to see clergy appointed to parish posts. I believe my experience in interviewing and appointing clergy, as well as my experience in how churches manage during interregnums, can

contribute to discussions in Synod around vocations, interregnums, and the process of appointments.

- **Mission and evangelism**

I delight in the mission of the Church to be a Christian presence in every community. I hope to bring my local experience of mission, evangelism and church growth to bear within Synodical conversations.

- **Children and youth work within the local church.**

I believe that the children and young people in our Churches are not the Church of tomorrow, but the Church of today. Thus, local engagement with families and their children is vital. I am passionate about the church following the New Testament Church model of the young learning from the older Christians, and the Old Christians modelling the Christian walk to the young.

- **School's work**

As the local governor of the primary school, I am passionate about the Church's relationship with schools. I am experienced with weekly school assembly visits and encouraging new and fresh ways to engage with secondary schools.

- **The local church's relationship with the local community**

I have experience of relating to various organisations within the community and would bring that experience into synod. As well as experience with local council relations, I am chaplain to the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue service. I believe I can share and contribute carefully from my experiences of local engagement.

Thank you for reading this address and I would be grateful if you would vote for me with your first preference vote.

Please do contact me if you have any further questions.

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