



RUTH ALLAN

General Synod Election 2026

Guildford Diocese: House of Laity

Proposer: Graeme Hampshire (Bishop's Council)

Seconder: Dr Barbara Judge (Cranleigh Deanery)

Dear Elector, I seek your first preference vote as I wish to stand for re-election to General Synod. It has been a privilege to serve over the past five years, and I welcome the opportunity to continue serving God, supporting clergy and laity across our parishes.

GET TO KNOW ME

- I have been fully committed to the Anglican Communion for 45 years, having become a Christian when hearing the gospel as a teenager in South Wales.
- I am married to Richard, a retired teacher, who is a self-supporting curate and we have two adult children, Charlotte and James.
- For two years I served on the staff team of a large London church, teaching the Bible, leading groups for seekers and new believers, and speaking on retreats.
- I am a retired partner of the Specialist Restorative Dental Practice in London, and I taught students from diverse cultural backgrounds at Guy's Hospital, part-time for 15 years.

I long for unity within the Church and listen to others with differing views so that the gospel reaches everyone as we welcome all.

ROLE IN PARISH LIFE

- I am the PSO at the rural parish church of Alfold and Loxwood where I lead a bible study group and I teach in our kids' group.
- I have completed the Welcome Directory training to help churches integrate ex-offenders. I am a trained pastoral visitor.

Passionate about evangelism and discipleship, I support The Church of England's aim to double the number of children and young active disciples by 2030.

ROLE IN GUILDFORD DIOCESE

- I chair the prayer group on the Vacancy in See Committee.
- I serve on the Diocesan Safeguarding Project Group and contribute to the induction of Parish Safeguarding Officers.
- I attend Diocesan Synod and Deanery Synod.
- Co-Secretary Guildford Diocese Evangelical Fellowship.

Find more about my safeguarding contribution in the parish brief:

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about-us/news/im-on-the-safeguarding-team-ruth-allan.php>

As the Safeguarding Structures Reform Programme continues its work, I wish to participate in strengthening safeguarding within the Church of England and our diocese.

REPRESENTING GUILDFORD DIOCESE

- My maiden speech endorsed the Guildford Diocesan Synod Motion calling for age verification on pornography websites.
<https://youtu.be/tPfGAVTR1kA?t=6040>
- I spoke during a safeguarding debate in February 2024, affirming our diocesan safeguarding team's management of an allegation.
- During the debate on Reimagining Care, I highlighted the ministry of Hymns We Love, founded within our diocese.
<https://youtu.be/e9MF4Ezmx5M?t=5695>
- At York, July 2026 I organised a fringe event with Connections Team from Holy Trinity, Claygate: Growing a loving Senior's Ministry.

I hope to build on my experience, continuing to faithfully represent Guildford so benefiting our diocese and fully supporting parish ministry.

You can meet me on this video: <https://youtu.be/2BCS4VhThBs>

If elected, I will continue to serve diligently and wholeheartedly for the benefit of our parishes, diocese and the wider Church of England. I would be delighted to answer any questions so do please contact me.

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