

Personal Statement for Consideration as a Lay Member of General Synod
I would be honoured to be considered as a Lay Member of the General Synod, representing my parish and contributing to the wider life and mission of the Church of England.

My faith is rooted in the evangelical tradition and shaped by a commitment to the authority of Scripture, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, the importance of prayer, and the call to share the gospel through both word and action. Through my involvement in parish life, I have seen firsthand the vital role the Church plays in offering worship, pastoral care, fellowship, and hope to people from all walks of life. I am passionate about ensuring that the voices of local congregations are heard and represented in the decisions that shape the future of our Church.

Professionally, I have extensive experience in leadership, governance, finance, and organisational change. These skills have equipped me to listen carefully, weigh evidence, engage with differing viewpoints, and make balanced decisions with integrity and accountability. I believe these qualities would enable me to contribute constructively to the work of Synod and to represent faithfully the concerns of those I serve.

As an evangelical Anglican, I am committed to a Church that is faithful to Scripture, centred on Christ, and focused on mission. At the same time, I recognise the richness and diversity of the Church of England and the importance of listening respectfully to those with different experiences and perspectives. I would seek to engage in Synodical debate with humility, grace, and a desire to build understanding, even where views differ.

I am particularly passionate about helping the Church remain effective in its mission, sustainable in its stewardship of resources, and relevant to the communities it serves. The challenges facing the Church today require prayerful discernment, courageous leadership, and a willingness to work together for the common good.

If elected, I would endeavour to be an active and accessible representative, listening to parishioners and deanery members, communicating openly, and ensuring that local perspectives are reflected in national discussions. Above all, I would seek to serve faithfully, prayerfully, and with integrity, seeking God's guidance in all that I do.

I ask for your prayers and support as I offer myself for this role, trusting that together we may continue to strengthen the witness and ministry of the Church in our communities and beyond.

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15)

Why I Am Standing

I am standing because I believe the Church is at its strongest when faithful Christians from local parishes contribute to the discernment and decision-making of the wider Church. I want to bring an evangelical voice that is rooted in Scripture, committed to mission, and informed by practical leadership experience.

I am passionate about seeing churches flourish, disciples grow in faith, and communities encounter the love of Christ. I would seek to represent my parish and deanery faithfully, ensuring that local voices are heard, while working collaboratively with others across the Church to support its mission and ministry for future generations.

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