



Rev'd Ryan Rodrigues

Proposer: Rev'd Sophie Raeside, St Saviour's, Sunbury

Seconder: Rev'd Dave Matthews, St Luke's, Earl's Court

A bit about me

I'm Ryan- I'm 27 years old, from Tooting, South West London. My mum is from Sri Lanka and my dad is from India. I was recently ordained and am offering myself to serve at General Synod.

How I found faith

Growing up not believing in God, after getting a place to study English Literature at St. Johns College, Cambridge, friends of mine shared their faith with me and everything changed. I was a choral scholar and quickly got involved in the chapel community and a local church. After graduating, I became an intern at an Anglican church in Bournemouth, before returning home to London where I worked as a student worker before training for ordination.

Why General Synod?

I'd love to be a part of synod as I'm passionate about my generation discovering the love of God and growing in their own personal faith. Young people aren't typically known for their church attendance and so I'd love to play a part in showing my generation that God, and the Church, is relevant for them.

Growing up, I didn't see many people from my background in church leadership and so I'm also passionate about playing my part in helping the Church to reflect the beautiful diversity and unity found in our communities, especially in my hometown of London, and reaching those communities who haven't yet been reached by the love of God. I long to see 'every tribe, and every tongue' worshipping Jesus and local communities touched by the hope found through a relationship with Jesus.

Why me?

I've had 5 years of experience working with the 'missing generation' of students and young adults, from a diverse range of backgrounds, gaining an understanding of how they connect with God, faith and Church. Studying for my masters degree, I've been able to research the biblical theme of unity, focusing on racial unity- which I hope will be of service to the wider Church. Through the person of Jesus, I've discovered a God who is deeply kind and loving. Through the Church, I've found a community who extends that love to all those around- pouring out the transforming and renewing hope that this world so urgently needs.

I would be honoured to have your first preference vote.

If you have any questions, please do contact me at ryan.rodriques@htb.org