



Revd Anne Stevens

I'm standing for General Synod again mainly because I want to support the mission and ministry that the Church of England offers the nation through its parish churches and chaplaincies. I am not a member of the 'Save the Parish' campaign as I do recognize the need to develop new worshipping communities and new patterns of mission. But it is unfortunate that this is often being done in a way that isolates the newer ministries and leaves the older ones under-resourced. My hope is that we can learn to help old and new work much more closely together. This would enable us to support and encourage each other without losing sight of our calling to serve the local communities and institutions whose future is so closely linked with our own: 'Seek the welfare of the city, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.' (Jeremiah 29.7) Both in Synod and in my work as a Church Commissioner these are the priorities I will be standing for in the revision of the Mission and Pastoral Measure and in the continued discussions about the strategy and funding of the church's mission.

This Synod will also be considering other vital issues. I fully support the 2030 Net Zero carbon target set by the last Synod. Further work is urgently needed to improve the church's Safeguarding practice and reform the Clergy Discipline Measure. Previously a Trustee of WATCH and Inclusive Church, I am pleased to sign up to the Inclusive Church statement, 'I am committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health or sexuality.' I long for the day that women's ministry and equal marriage are fully accepted in the church, but recognize in the meantime the need for courteous and thoughtful debate. Finally – and crucially for a potential London representative – I will do all I can to support the work of the Racial Justice Commission as its work comes before the Synod.

<p>Present Post Since 2012 - Vicar of St Pancras, Euston Rd (Camden) Edmonton Area Dean of Women's Ministry 2015-19</p> <p>Previous Ministerial Posts Vicar of St Michael's, Battersea and Director of Reader Training (Southwark)</p> <p>Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge</p> <p>Curate, East Greenwich Team (Southwark)</p>	<p>General Synod experience Elected Member of the House of Clergy 2005-12 (Southwark) and 2017-21 (London)</p> <p>Church House experience 2018-23: Elected by General Synod as a Church Commissioner 2009-12: Appointed Member of Steering Committee for the legislation for Women in the Episcopate</p> <p>Prior to Ordination Customer Service Manager, British Telecom Civil Servant, Home Office</p>
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