

# General Synod Election Address 2021

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**Candidate:** Rev Martine Osborne  
**Vicar of St Michael's Church, Chiswick**

**Proposer:** Rev Elis Matthews  
**Vicar of St Mary's Osterley**

**Seconder:** Rev Anne Dollery  
**Vicar of St Dunstan's Feltham**



Dear Colleague

I am standing to serve on General Synod for the first time, having now been ordained for twelve years and having served as a Vicar at St Michael's in Chiswick for ten years.

I believe I have a good understanding of governance in the Church of England and hope I would make a constructive contribution to decision making at General Synod.

I have served as an Evangelism Champion in the Kensington Area for about four years and am committed to mission and Church growth initiatives. At St Michael's we have a reputation for active and generous community engagement.

I am a Kensington Area Director of Ordinands and am keen to encourage new vocations. I have also served as a member of the Kensington Area Council and as a clergy representative, first for Islington and then for Hounslow, on Diocesan Synod. I am on the Standing Committee of the Hounslow Deanery Synod.

My husband is Peter Osborne, a journalist and author, and we have five children – four of whom are now grown up.

## **Previous ministry appointments**

Before my appointment as Vicar at St Michael's in Chiswick, I was Curate at St Mary Islington. Prior to that, I was an LLM at Christ Church, Highbury.

## **Pre-ordination employment and activities**

I had a career in the City working mostly for the investment bank, N.M. Rothschild & Sons Limited on project financings and privatisations and was appointed a main board director. I have also set up and run my own small businesses.

I have published three novels with Piatkus Books and children's books with Random House and Macmillan.

I helped to set up and arrange the financing of a new-build Church of England school in Islington, St Mary Magdalene Academy, and served as a founder trustee and governor. I have also served as a governor at the community primary school, Grove Park School, in my parish in Chiswick.

## **Education and theological training**

I have an MA in Maths from Oxford University and also a theology degree from the University of Kent. I did my training for ordination at the South East Institute for Theological Education. I also have an MA in Children's Book Illustration from the Anglia Ruskin University.

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Thank you for taking the time to read this address and please feel welcome to get in touch, if you have any questions you'd like to ask me.

If elected, I will make every effort to serve you to the best of my ability.