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Experience

- I am CEO of the Church Revitalisation Trust (CRT) where I work with clergy and dioceses across the country supporting renewal of parish churches.
- I sit on the Board of St Paul's Theological College and have worked closely with the London Diocese in encouraging increased diversity in ordination candidates through co sponsoring the "Peter's Stream" of training focused on raising up priests from underrepresented socio-economic and diverse ethnic backgrounds.
- I serve as a curate at HTB St Paul's Onslow Square, pastoring services reaching a wide demographic including families, youth and young people in their 20s.
- For the previous three years I helped lead the community at HTB St Augustine's Queen's Gate, which worships in the Anglo Catholic tradition.
- Prior to that, I worked as a Student Pastor, Operations Director and as part of a planting team in 2000 to help relaunch a church threatened with closure.

Background

I am married to Tom, a priest, who runs a charity tackling youth unemployment and a Bishop's Advisor for Community Regeneration. We have three teenage daughters who keep us grounded and a lockdown puppy called Wilber. Prior to ordination I lived in Africa for two years and founded an Interior Design Company based in London.

I believe with my experience, I can bring a positive contribution to General Synod debates in a number of areas including:

A deep experience of and commitment to supporting Parish ministry

Working through CRT with parishes of all different contexts across England, I have seen at first hand both the opportunities and challenges local parishes face. I am committed to generous orthodoxy and believe we need every expression of the church to flourish if we are to reach our nation with the hope of the gospel. As our nation faces division on multiple levels, the church has an opportunity to model and champion unity and collaboration.

Championing social transformation and justice

I co-founded 'Love Your Neighbour' a nationwide church response to the needs exposed by the pandemic. LYN has partnered with every denomination across the UK represented in 2,300 local churches and charities working together to tackle issues of food poverty, debt, addiction, unemployment, homelessness and the mental health struggles caused by extended periods of isolation and trauma.

Restoring and Re-Ordering Church Buildings

I have experience in church re-ordering and extension projects. I have worked closely in partnership with DACs, Local Councils, Historic England and heritage bodies. I am committed to the strategic stewardship of church property and buildings in order to honor their legacy while serving 21C mission.

Reaching the Younger unchurched generation

As a mother of three teenagers, former Chair of Governors of a Church of England primary school and overseeing youth-centred Sunday services, I am committed to finding innovative ways to reach the younger generation with the gospel while engaging with issues they are passionate about such as climate change, inequality and injustice.

I hope I might count on your support as you prayerfully consider your vote.

With every blessing,



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