

I would like to offer myself to serve the Diocese of London and the wider Church for election to General Synod.

I have always had an interest in Politics in the broader sense of the word meaning an interest in the “affairs of the city”, and others consider me suitable for the role due to my diplomacy skills and ability to see other people’s perspective and work out suitable solutions by taking into account all views.



As a black man who was brought up in a white family, I am a strong illustration of what it is to be of mixed ecology, so have spent my life seeing situations from multiple angles, which I believe could help me be a real asset to the wider Church, especially as we seek to increase our diversity.

OVERVIEW

CURRENT POST: Member of the Clergy Team at St Barnabas Church, Woodside Park, Edmonton Area since 2019

Pre-Ordination Family: Ran my own Marketing Agency in Hertfordshire for 25 years. Married to Andrea, who received an MBE two years ago for her work in Charity for Children with Special needs where she still works. Two adult boys. We live in Hendon and are all keen fitness fanatics, I recently cycled London to Brighton, raising more than £4500 for Charity and Andrea is about to do her first half marathon.

What Others Say About Adrian

Proposer: Revd Mike Pavlou, Vicar of Oakleigh Church



“Adrian is a man of great compassion & integrity. He has great vision, energy and a passion for making the Gospel known and accessible. The thought of him being on Synod fills me with excitement.”

Seconder: Revd Colin Brookes, Associate Vicar, St Lukes, Camden



“In the 25 years I have known Adrian I have found him to be a Christian Leader of extraordinary integrity, compassion and courage. His ability to connect strategic detail with Mission leaves me excited at the thought of him serving on General Synod.”

My Stance on Key Issues Facing The Church At This Time.

The C Of E – A safe place

As someone who was abused at a boarding school in the 1970's and was subsequently helped to get freed from the abuse by a Vicar, I have encountered first hand the pain of abuse and the power of Clergy to be the saving grace for people, I am passionate about seeing the Church of England be that place of safety and restoration for the vulnerable.

Financial stress

As someone who's run a business for 25 years, I am experienced at creative solutions to help an organisation run with restricted budgets, so would look to contribute into this area of need.

Climate Change

Climate Change is constantly in the news and it's important for the Anglican Church to lead the way in helping to save this planet for the next generation.

Ethical Investments

We need to ensure that the church holds investments with integrity, balanced by being good stewards with the gifts God has given us.

Racial Equality

As a black man I have encountered racism many, many times and would like to play a pivotal role in raising the racial equality within the Church. As a member of St Barnabas, we are one of the most diverse Churches in the Church of England today and I'd love one day to see the Church fully represent the truly Global diversity present within the London area & nationally today.

Living in Love and Faith

Whether we like it or not we need to recognise this is a difficult and serious debate the Church needs to have. I hold the traditional view of marriage but recognise the pain caused by this debate so it needs to be a conversation based around sensitive and genuine listening and caring for others of differing views.

Vision and Strategy

I am a passionate defender of the Church of England maintaining a "Broad Church" approach, recognising that for the mission of the Church to be successful the Anglican Church needs to be a Church of all flavours & expressions.

I hope I can count on your primary vote and if you have any questions please feel free to call me on 07485 177778 or email me on adrianclarke@stbarnabas.co.uk.

Thanks for taking the time to read this address.

Rev Adrian Clarke