

## The Revd. Jon Carter

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I am seeking your first preference vote to serve General Synod over the coming five years. I am determined to seek and serve our Church of England in this nation:

- **United** around the **person of Jesus**
- **Serving** the most **vulnerable in society**
- **Inspiring** the **next generation of disciples**

As our society emerges from these past two years and seeks to rebuild, I believe the Church of England has a unique and powerful opportunity to model a family of hope centered on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, to communicate the love of Jesus in word and deed as we serve those who are struggling most from this pandemic, and to invest in the future as we creatively empower the rising generation.

### About Me

I am Associate Leader and Curate at King's Cross Church (KXC), based in central London. I am married to Jo - a trainee Clinical Psychologist in the NHS - and we have two wonderful girls aged 1 and 3. As Associate Leader of KXC, I help lead a growing church in King's Cross, itself made up predominantly of those in their 20s and 30s. We hope to be a community of courage, compassion and creativity: seeking to empower followers of Jesus Christ to be confident of the story of which we are all a part, compassionate in how we serve those with most need, and creative in what it means to be a community of hope as a church family.

I am a member of the London Diocesan Synod and part of a hospital chaplaincy team in East London serving as a bank chaplain. I am a trustee of several charities, including Growing Hope, which provides free therapy for children and young people with additional needs in partnership with churches across the nation.

Prior to a call to ordination, I worked for several years as a People & Strategy Consultant at Deloitte, with a particular specialism in organisational culture and HR vision and strategy, holding ACA and CIMA qualifications.

### Why Am I Standing?

I am passionate about the Church of England, longing to see it grow and lead as we begin to emerge from this global pandemic. In particular, I am seeking to serve General Synod as we enter a crucial opportunity around the following areas:

**UNITY:** *to seek and serve the church united around the person of Jesus*

- Encouraging a diverse, broad church, rooted in local communities through the beauty and power of the parish system, as well as creative expressions of pioneering communities. Modelling discourse within the church that celebrates this diversity, seeks to be curious of others' convictions, and exhibits a counter-cultural conversation of care and kindness; particularly as we continue the LLF conversations and process.
- **Why me:** having spent significant time as part of the Anglican church, the Salvation Army, and the Vineyard church, I am passionate about the breadth and diversity of the church, and the role that each part must play in the wider unfolding story of God's church. Holding a diverse set of traditions and charisms, I believe I am well-placed to advocate and speak into a broad, yet united church.

**SERVICE:** *to seek and serve the church serving the most vulnerable in society*

- Leading and modelling what it looks like to be a body and community of hope to a hurting and broken world. Continuing and deepening conversations around racial justice within the Church of England, advocating for more meaningful change and impact. Urging and resourcing the Church of England to be a societal leader tackling climate change over this quinquennium. Resourcing projects seeking to serve local communities on the ground more effectively and using the power of the national church to connect and co-ordinate in times of crisis.
- **Why me:** having led compassion ministries at KXC for several years, I have extensive experience of leading local ministries, as well as co-ordinating with local partnerships on the ground in a local context. I am a trustee of a national charity - Growing Hope - which has given insight into the power of church and charity partnership. I lead the racial justice core team at KXC and am part of a local hospital chaplaincy team.

**INSPIRATION:** *to seek and serve the Church inspiring the next generation of disciples*

- Investing in and nurturing the next generation of disciples and leaders, by empowering and appropriately resourcing churches and co-ordinated networks nationally. Shared learning and storytelling nationally about the ongoing and inspiring work in schools, with youth and student ministries. Releasing creative leadership by partnering with innovative youth ministries nationally, equipping youth leaders locally.
- **Why me:** having led growing student ministries for several years, I am passionate about the investment needed nationally to capture the imagination of an upcoming generation. I lead a discipleship and leadership year aimed at investing in the next generation of leaders within and outside of the church. I am a dad of young children, who sees and feels the need for greater investment in the youngest within the church.

I live with high levels of hope for the church in this nation, faith that God in His kindness will continue to advance His Kingdom, and expectation that over these coming years we can play our part in serving God's purposes across this land. My experience both within and outside of the church means that I believe I have something to offer in General Synod, and would truly value your prayers, consideration and vote should you agree.

Thank you again for reading, and as always, please reach out should you have any questions or queries; I would love to hear from you. I would appreciate your prayers as these coming weeks unfold, and I join my prayers with yours as we together serve God's people.

God bless,



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