

Rev Sally Baily (MBA, MA Christians Studies)
Vicar of Holy Trinity Hounslow (from 7th Sept 2021)

Previously: Team Vicar St Margaret's Edgware 2016-21
Curate: St Mary's Great Chesham, Bucks. 2013-16
Training: Trinity College, Bristol 2011-13

Proposed by: Henry Kendal, St Barnabas Woodside Pk
Seconded by: Father Joseph Gabor, St Augustine
Grahame Park



I am married to Hammad Baily who is a Pakistani Christian worship leader. We lived in Pakistan 2006-08 working as itinerant worship leaders. I advocate for persecuted Christians and understand what it feels like to experience the pressure of intolerance towards one's race, faith and gender. I've been exploring the issue of 'white privilege' and leadership culture in the UK Church. I support UKME candidates discerning their vocation and several ordinands in training to plant other language congregations.

My experience in synodical & diocesan structures hasn't put me off standing for General Synod. It has taught me the value of engaging with the decision making bodies of the church. For example:

- As Sub Dean for West Barnet Deanery Synod 2018-2021; Working with +Edmonton to raise awareness of the issue of Gun and Knife Crime. This resulted in a resolution from Deanery Synod to Diocesan Synod and finally debate in General Synod.
- London Diocesan Synod 2018-2021 involved in discussions shaping the London 2030 vision - for every London to encounter the love of God in Christ.
- Edmonton Area Council 2018-2021 contributing to strategic development of Edmonton Area Plan to support the new London vision for 2030, setting priorities for local mission & ministry. Chaired the planning group for the Edmonton Clergy conference on Racial Justice from 2019-21.

If elected I would seek to represent the views of all clergy in London on General Synod. I support the **diversity of churchmanship** within the Church of England, valuing the beauty of BCP liturgy, as well as Common Worship and contemporary styles; services of the word and services of Holy Communion, both pointing beyond us to the God who redeems and restores.

I believe the **parish system** is an essential part of God's plan to build His kingdom and new church plants can benefit from working closely with parish churches. *The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few* – parishes – yes AND church plants.

Prior to training for the ministry, I had an 18 year career at the London Stock Exchange, culminating in a position on the senior management team. My experience is valuable when considering the **financial challenges** facing the national church post COVID and the need for ethical investments.

Mission to the local community has been a particular focus for me during COVID19 lockdown. For example:

- the recently transformed churchyard became an outdoor sanctuary for local residents who have no gardens, hosting events & community displays of hope.
- The Make Lunch@St Margaret's Club, designed to fill the holiday hunger gap, was expanded to offer regular food parcels, delivered to families in need during lockdown.
- The church became the first Community Testing Centre in the Borough of Barnet offering lateral flow tests to the community; now a Community Collection Hub for home test kits.

These initiatives helped demonstrate the churches relevance in society—expressing God's love and hope through practical help during the COVID19 pandemic and as we recover.



Clergy Discipline Measure: Having contributed to the Sheldon Surveys on clergy discipline and well-being, I'm keen to help shape the new CDM so that clergy are not left suffering and unsupported when things go wrong.

Living in Love and Faith: As disciples of Christ, we are called to *love one another* and work together collaboratively as we fulfil God's mission. LLF is a process that facilitates dialogue on a sensitive issue. I believe we can be a compassionate, caring, welcoming church without changing the boundaries on marriage as set out in scripture. I have attended Bridge Builders training to prepare me to navigate difference with grace and truth, finding solutions that help everyone flourish with integrity.

On General synod I would serve with a clarity of thinking and missional mind-set, together with a compassionate heart for all God's people.

I am a member of the New Wine and London Diocesan Evangelical Networks.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions please email me.

Please consider giving me a high priority vote. Remember there are 11 seats on General Synod for London Clergy.

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