

JOHN WHITE



I am a 33-year-old parishioner from St Paul's, Knightsbridge standing for General Synod. An American by birth (raised in the Episcopal Church), London has been my home for over seven years. A native of New Jersey, I studied music and art history at Rutgers University. For the last ten years I have worked for Boosey & Hawkes, the London based classical music publisher. Before relocating to London with Boosey & Hawkes, I lived and worked in New York. Whilst active in Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, I was appointed a member of the Diocese of New York Ecumenical and Interfaith

Commission where I participated in the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue of New York. More recently, on this side of the pond, I finished a term as a member of the PCC at St Paul's, Knightsbridge and currently serve as a member of the Westminster (St Margaret) Deanery Synod.

I have served the Church in both America and England in various capacities, whether it be as a musician or a member of a governing body and hope that my experience and vision for the Church will lead you to lend me your first preference vote in this election to the General Synod.

My priorities if elected are to champion the **parish** and advance **inclusion**.

On the Parish

The Church of England is unique in its ability to be a Christian presence in every community yet it seems that this model is currently under attack by those who do not fully appreciate the power of the parish in our local communities. If we have learned anything throughout this pandemic, it is that our local institutions are the first point of contact for people in need. We need to provide our parishes with the resources to thrive, not drain them until they can no longer survive.

On Inclusion

Moving from the Episcopal Church into the Church of England was a much larger culture shock than I imagined. After decades of dialogue, the Church of England continues to avoid fully embracing LGBT+ Christians, now is the time for us to join Anglicans/Episcopalians in North America, Scotland, and Wales in fully respecting the dignity of LGBT+ Christians. I am committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health or sexuality.