

## GENERAL SYNOD 2021

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- Solicitor in the City of London.
- Married with three children aged 15, 13 and 11.
- Lay Member of General Synod 2015-2021.

I am standing for re-election to General Synod having served for the last 6 years. It has been a privilege to serve and to have the opportunity to build relationships with people from across the whole spectrum of the Church of England.

### Relevant Experience

- Member of General Synod 2015-2021
- Regularly advise church entities on legal matters in a pro bono capacity covering areas such as governance, funding, church planting, dispute resolution, structuring and commercial issues.
- Co-wrote *The Money Course* (now part of Crosslight Debt Advice Centre under the William Wilberforce Trust), to help those struggling with financial issues.
- Trustee of St Paul's Theological Centre (attached to St Mellitus Theological College) since 2014.
- Member of Alpha International.
- PCC 16 years (Holy Trinity Brompton); Standing Committee 8 years; Chelsea Deanery Synod 12 years.
- Formerly Bishop of Kensington's council.

### Why am I standing?

- **Engaging with society:** to help ensure that the Church delivers a relevant, strong, challenging and distinctive voice in fast-moving national debate and leads by example to those we live and work among.
- **Making the most of what we have:** ensuring the Church's resources, people and buildings are used flexibly and effectively to ensure a thriving Church community is accessible to all, where everyone is welcome, whatever their background.
- **Revitalising those parts of the Church that need support:** to ensure isolated and struggling parishes are supported and are able to continue to serve the generations to come.
- I bring relevant experience from my work:
  - **Effective ways of working:** I help organisations assess and deliver changes to ensure they operate effectively, including through use of technology and re-organisation to support those elements which work well already.
  - **Governance:** I deal with many projects to simplify and minimise "red tape", while taking account of differing viewpoints.
  - **Resolving differences:** I work with people to help them reach agreement over differences through constructive dialogue.
  - **Working with people with different views:** I am used to working with a diverse range of people from all kinds of backgrounds and standpoints, including time working in Abu Dhabi, UAE. I recognise this is a time of rapid change in society and that the Synod needs to support the Church's leadership in creating open dialogue in an environment of trust.