



Election Address of Roland Brunner

Parish Church: St Paul's Knightsbridge
Current Role: Licensed Lay Minister (LLM), since 2019

Age: 51

Nationality: German (and newly British)

Occupation: Freelancing Management Consultant and Coach

Soon after I moved to England, that was back in 1997, I visited St Paul's Knightsbridge and I kind of got stuck there and subsequently the Church of England. A few years later, I was received into the Church and now I am even a Lay Minister. I thoroughly enjoy this role and feel God called me to do something more useful in the wider Church. And here I am, applying for a seat in the General Synod.

I was born and baptised a Roman Catholic and with the age of 5 (and after my parents' divorce) I became a Lutheran; and now I am an Anglican. In church terms I can say I have truly seen it all and experienced all sorts of kinds of worship and churches and congregations. I feel at home literally everywhere, mainly because God is everywhere. One thing I never got used to in the CoE is this bizarre division between Evangelical and Anglo-Catholic branches of the Church. Such a thing does not exist in the Churches I grew up in. In case I am elected into the General Synod I would like to spend my time to help to overcome those human-made divisions as I truly believe God must be somewhat bewildered about this feature of his Church on Earth.

As LLM I feel called to teach. I have organised various pilgrimages for the congregation of St Paul's, given several podcasts during lockdown and recently I also started to preach. My focus is to make our religion and the Good News easy to understand. I want to deliver the Word of God in a way that speaks to people and not get too stuck in theological concepts, theories and language. So far, so good.

If anyone wants to listen to my most recent, which was also my first sermon, please google my name "Roland Brunner" and "Herodias" and hopefully a YouTube video should come up. It is a sermon about evil. As a German I actually do mention the war there. I hope it is any interesting to listen to.

Thanks for reading this and hopefully voting for me.