

Hello there! My name is Jordan Ferrier, I am 21 years old and I am standing for the General Synod elections to the House of Laity.



I have attended my church in Hounslow, West London, since I was born, and have been a committed member since I gave my life to Jesus at the age of 13. Since then, I've been given so many great opportunities to serve and invest in the community here in Hounslow that God has called me to. This has taken many different shapes, including joining various teams, such as kids and youth ministry, leading and preaching in various capacities and serving at our Foodbank. These have allowed me to experience and appreciate a lot of different aspects of the church life.

Alongside this, I have been a member of the PCC since I was 18, which has allowed me to experience and partake in the operations of the Church that I otherwise would have been oblivious to. It has also encouraged me to validate my voice within the life of the Church, something I believe all young people should have. From last September I have been completing an internship at my church and this has helped in developing myself further as a leader. I've been given more responsibility compared to when I was a volunteer, taking on projects of my own such as leading and organising youth group sessions and planning services.

I have just finished a degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission at St Mellitus College. Although interrupted by the pandemic, my time there has been invaluable and allowed me to experience a breadth of different traditions, beliefs and styles of worship which have greatly enriched my spiritual life. Studying theology fills me with wonder and joy as it opens my mind and allows me to glimpse the majesty of God. Having studied a wide range of topics, I can hopefully bring an insight and understanding to any discussions I'd be involved in at Synod.

Serving in various capacities has blessed me with a wide range of experiences and developed both my faith and leadership skills, whilst studying theology has allowed me to think critically about different topics and allowed me to engage with and take others views into consideration. The balance of these two things, the academic and the practical sides of faith, coupled with the unique perspective of the culture I've grown up in, has impacted my views and allows me to engage with topics critically and with an open mind.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for considering me for Synod.