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ISABEL SINAGOLA

ABOUT ME

I was born and raised in South Manchester, where I joined the choir of St. Mary's, Bowdon at eight years old. Now – twenty years later – I am still singing and worshipping at St. Luke's in Chelsea, after moving to London where I live with my girlfriend Katie and our many houseplants.

Alongside choir and gardening, I love walking and swimming in Beckenham Place Park. I also volunteer for the Silverline charity, for whom I have been a telephone friend to June – a 75-year-old Anglican – for the past seven years. My day job is as the Supply Chain and Distribution Manager of Guinness World Records.

WHY AM I STANDING?

I have attended St. Luke's for six years and over the last two have joined the DCC, PCC, and Chelsea Deanery Synod. Becoming embedded in the community at St. Luke's and the wider Chelsea Deanery has brought new impetus to my faith, and I now hope to take this further by serving the General Synod.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR ME

I want to be an advocate for the Church in our community:

We have all seen how the Church has grown during the Covid pandemic, both physically and spiritually, reaching out to new people in its communities and connecting its divided congregations.

Whilst the pandemic has further highlighted inequalities in our society (for example, my parish set up a food bank in 2020 and demand remains high) the Church has shown how we can minister to the world during times of crisis. There are many lessons we can take forward into post-pandemic society – and I am passionate about advocating for our Church within the wider community.

DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR VOTE

Many General Synod elections are separated by just a few votes.

VOTING IS BY SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE

Please place me high on your list, preferably at number one.

BALLOTS OPEN

on Friday 17th September and close at 12 noon on Monday 11th October.

I am committed to an inclusive church:

We are all “fearfully and wonderfully made” in the image of God, and the Church of England is for all of us, regardless of gender identity, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health, or sexuality.

I co-ordinated the Living in Love & Faith (LLF) course at St. Luke’s and Christ Church, Chelsea earlier this year and I want to be a voice for all LGBTQIA+ Christians when Synod takes its next steps with LLF in 2022 and beyond.

I will urge a more ambitious response to Climate Change:

The climate crisis is the greatest challenge faced by humanity and the worst effects will be disproportionately felt by poorer nations and indigenous communities. As Christians we are called to take care of the planet that God has created – and I believe that our place is at the forefront of climate action.

Whilst I welcome the commitment to divestment dates for some Church bodies, the challenge now is to agree how this can best be achieved, ideally more quickly than currently proposed.

I am passionate about demystifying the General Synod:

It has taken a long time for me to familiarise myself with the structures, processes, and current issues in Synod, from Vision & Strategy and safeguarding to theological training and the CDM, through online engagement, the Church Times, and speaking with current Synod members.

There is still much for me – as a young, first-time nominee – to learn, and I believe this is a positive reason for you to give me your first preference vote. New voices and fresh perspectives are crucial for our Church – and I will balance sharing my own thoughts and ideas with a keenness to learn from those with greater experience and diverse knowledge.

I am ready to represent my parish and diocese, and, in turn, the Synod to the wider Church and world. Thank you for reading my election address and if you have any questions, please do email me.