

STANDING FOR: STRONG PARISHES • RADICAL WELCOME • FAITHFUL SERVICE Julian Duffus
worshiping at St Peter's Acton Green

I offer myself as your lay representative for the Diocese of London to the General Synod —
rooted in long service across our parishes, deaneries, and schools.

🏡 STANDING WITH SAVE THE PARISH

I stand firmly alongside the Save the Parish movement. Our parishes are the heartbeat of the Church of England — the local home of faith, worship, baptism, marriage, and care; the place where the Gospel is lived out week by week. I will advocate tirelessly in Synod:

- To protect our parishes from unnecessary closure, amalgamation, or erosion
- To ensure clergy and lay leaders are properly resourced and supported
- To insist that any reorganisation is genuinely consultative, prayer-centred, and rooted in mission — not just cost-cutting
- To value our church buildings as living, active centres of community life, not burdens to be managed away

Parishes are not liabilities — they are our greatest mission treasure.

🤝 WELCOME TO ALL IN WORSHIP AND LIFE

I am committed to a Church where every person — of whatever background, age, tradition, or circumstance — feels truly welcomed, accepted, and supported in worship and parish life. Our churches should be open, generous, inclusive places where no-one is made to feel an outsider, where all belong, and all are encouraged to grow in faith and service. I will champion that radical welcome in every debate and decision before General Synod.

📌 EXPERIENCE THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

I bring proven experience at every level of the Church:

- 14 years as Lay Chair of Ealing Deanery Synod — representing parishes across one of the largest, most diverse deaneries in the diocese; working with clergy and lay teams; building consensus across different traditions; and bringing local concerns to diocesan and national bodies.
- Director of the London Diocesan Board of Schools — leading our work across hundreds of church schools, connecting parishes with children, families, and communities, and ensuring our schools remain beacons of faith, service, and excellence.

These roles have taught me to listen carefully, speak faithfully, and work constructively for the good of the whole Church — while standing firm on what matters.

📁 MY PLEDGE TO YOU

If elected, I will carry the voice of the laity of London faithfully to General Synod:

✅ Defending and strengthening our parishes ✅ Promoting a welcoming, inclusive Church for all ✅ Bringing experience, independence, and commitment to every meeting

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