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Scan the QR code or [click here to watch a 40 second video](#) of my reasons for standing

Why I am standing:

I want to be a representative for local churches making sure that **as many churches as possible have a vicar**, especially in poorer areas and despite the cost of living crisis.

I think it's really important that we reach out to those who aren't Christians and help churches to do that by **resourcing mission initiatives**.

We need **to invest in helping those from other faiths understand Christianity**. For churches to know how to reach everybody in our communities, making our churches more diverse.

As a teacher who works in a Church of England Secondary School, I rejoice that our schools offer **excellent education for all faiths and none**. I'm really keen to make sure that all the opportunities church schools have across our nation, are used **to help young people to clearly understand the Christian story. Safeguarding is integrated into school life** without being its goal, I can help do the same for church life.

Having been married for 31 years to a vicar I know the realities of ministry and **making scripture relevant to today**. Because of scripture I do support the **historic understanding of marriage**.

Once Upon a Time...



There was once a little girl called Anita. She grew up in a loving Hindu family, surrounded by traditions and customs that shaped her early life. Yet even before she knew Him by name, there was Someone quietly watching over her. Looking back now, Anita can see that the Lord Jesus was always protecting her, speaking to her heart, and gently leading her towards Himself.

When Anita went away to university, something extraordinary happened. She met Christians whose lives reflected the love of Jesus, and through their friendship she discovered the greatest treasure she would ever find—a personal relationship with Christ. It was there that Anita became a Christian.

During her student years, she became involved with the Church of Scotland, worshipped in Episcopal churches, and joined the Navigators. Through these communities she grew deeply in her faith, learning to love God's Word and to walk closely with Jesus every day.

Following Jesus was not easy. Becoming a Christian from a Hindu background came at a great personal cost. Anita knew that if she wanted to attend church and be baptised, she would have to leave her family home. It was one of the hardest decisions she would ever face.

Jesus had said that following Him could cost everything, and Anita experienced that truth for herself. Yet she also discovered that Christ was worth far more than anything she had left behind. Through that journey she learned what it means to trust God completely and to stand firm for Jesus, whatever the cost.



After university, Anita became part of a local church. There she met a wonderful young man called Christopher. They fell in love, married, and have now shared more than thirty-one happy years together.



Christopher sensed God's call to ordained ministry and trained as a vicar, while Anita continued her own calling in science. Her work in scientific research eventually led her into teaching, where she spent more than twenty-five years inspiring young people to discover the wonders of science. Generations of students have been encouraged by her enthusiasm, and many have gone on to pursue careers in STEM because one passionate teacher believed in them.



Church has always been at the heart of Anita's life. Years ago, she happily made endless cups of tea and countless sandwiches for church events. These days, however, you're much more likely to find her behind a drum kit, joyfully leading worship with the church band!



She also has a passion for prayer—but never in an ordinary way. Anita believes prayer meetings should never be boring. Whether through creativity, discussion, art, music, or imaginative activities, she delights in helping people encounter God in fresh and meaningful ways.



God has also blessed Anita with a remarkable gift for creativity. During the COVID lockdown, one of her artworks earned her a place on Grayson's Art Club. Her installation, *Lockdown Barbie*, was featured on national television before being exhibited at Manchester Art Gallery.



That same creativity has overflowed into the life of her church. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and many other celebrations have been transformed by beautiful displays and decorations lovingly created by Anita. She believes that a beautiful church can help lift people's hearts in worship to our beautiful God.



"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." — Philipians 1:6

Her faith has also reached far beyond the church walls.

Over the years, Anita has encouraged fellow Christians through workplace prayer initiatives and has been interviewed for several articles about living faithfully for Christ in the workplace.



Looking back over her life, Anita can clearly see that God was writing her story long before she recognised His handwriting. Every step—even the painful ones—was part of His loving plan to draw her to Himself, shape her into the woman she would become, and use her life to bless countless others.

And the most wonderful thing of all? —  —

This isn't the end of Anita's story. It's simply the next chapter in the amazing adventure God is still writing.



I love the Church England, I feel at home in it, I want it to thrive and continue to be present and engaged in every community in our nation. Please do consider voting for me as your number 1 or 2 choice if you feel God can use my voice for the future of the Church of England.

Every blessing on your church,

Proposer: Clive Scowen, Licensed Lay Minister Christ Church Roxeth, Harrow Deanery, Willesden Area

"I commend Anita as a very strong candidate to represent the diverse laity of in this diocese, in view of her 25 yrs in an intercultural Church and teaching in a church school. Her heart is to see the Christian message presented clearly in such an environment."

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