

Charles Edward Lord

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About me

I have been an Anglican all my life. Although I was deeply hurt by some of the Church's actions and spent years away from regular worship, I never lost my faith or my love of the richness of Anglican tradition. In recent years I returned to active church life and rediscovered the joy of serving Christ through worship, preaching and ministry. That journey has strengthened my conviction that the Church of England is at its best when it reflects Christ's generous love in both what it proclaims and how it welcomes people.

Today I serve in two very different London communities. I am Churchwarden and Vice-Chair of the Guild Church Council at **St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall** in the heart of the City, and a PCC member, Deanery Synod representative and volunteer at **St Mary Magdalene, Munster Square**, serving a large Camden council estate. These churches have given me first-hand experience of both the opportunities and the challenges facing parish life across our Diocese. I also serve as a Trustee of **OneBodyOneFaith** and worship regularly at **Open Table**.

Outside the Church, I have spent my career in public service and civic leadership, including 25 years as a **City of London Councillor**. I understand how large institutions work, how legislation is developed, and how good governance helps organisations flourish.



Why I am standing

The Church of England has extraordinary strengths: faithful parishes, dedicated clergy and lay people, beautiful worship, and a unique calling to serve every community across our nation.

Yet recent years have also exposed serious challenges. Failures in governance and safeguarding, alongside divisions over inclusion, have damaged confidence in our national Church.

I am standing because I believe General Synod has a vital role in helping rebuild that trust.

I want to bring practical experience, thoughtful judgement, and a collaborative approach to Synod's work, helping our Church become more faithful to the Gospel, more accountable in its governance, and more confident in its mission.



My five priorities for General Synod

I will be a **faithful**, **inclusive**, and **hopeful** voice for the people and parishes of our Diocese at General Synod, with service rooted in Christ's radical message of love.



1 Flourishing parish churches

Empowering parishes with the resources, freedom, and support they need to grow and thrive, delivering the **Save the Parish** manifesto ambitions.



2 A Church that welcomes everyone

Championing respect, dignity, and full participation, so everyone can belong and flourish, supporting the **Inclusive Synod** Statement.



3 Good governance and accountability

Ensuring transparency, accountability, and wise stewardship at every level of Church life, through careful scrutiny and effective legislation.



4 Safeguarding we can trust

Prioritising the safety and wellbeing of all, with robust, compassionate, and transparent safeguarding, which is held fully accountable by Synod.



5 Hope for the future

Equipping the whole Church to share the hope of the Gospel in word and deed, including recruitment, training, and support for clergy and laity.

I will listen, collaborate, and speak with honesty, always seeking the best for our Church and for the communities we serve.

I would be honoured to receive your **first preference** vote.

Under the Single Transferable Vote system, later preferences are also important. After supporting me, I encourage you to continue ranking other candidates who share your commitment to flourishing parishes, good governance, and an inclusive Church.

Inclusive Synod Statement: "We are committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the church, regardless of disability, economic power, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality."

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