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How has God been at work in my life?

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What experience, skills and passion would I bring to General Synod?

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Leadership across cultural divides

I come from a different culture and have always been curious about people. I enjoy listening, learning, and building bridges. Whether I am speaking with Christians, people of other faiths, or those with no faith at all, I have found that genuine relationships open doors for meaningful conversations about God.

That has led me to serve as a Chair of a multi-faith charity. It involves governance, working with local authorities, developing faith covenants, handling complex issues, and occasionally encountering situations where doing the right thing is not the easiest thing. At times standing up against harmful behaviour has made me a target. Leadership is not about avoiding conflict. It is about having the courage to do what is right whilst treating people with dignity and grace.

A heart for mission - amidst resource challenge

I am currently part of a Bishop's Mission Order (BMO), which gives me a different perspective on church life and mission. We have to step out in faith, finding suitable venues for Sunday worship, balancing affordability with accessibility, and working within the practical challenges that come with being a mission-focused community. This teaches me the importance of careful stewardship of resources. We have had to navigate the reality that regular giving does not always cover costs, whilst serving people from challenging and often vulnerable backgrounds.



Harnessing difference

Being diagnosed as neurodivergent has been both surprising and deeply liberating. God is helping me see my differences not as weaknesses, but as part of how He created me. This journey has deepened my empathy for those who feel unseen or misunderstood and strengthened my passion to help everyone feel valued, heard, and empowered to share their God-given gifts.

A passion for the next generation

Psalm 78 tells us to tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord so that generations yet unborn may know Him. That has become a calling for me.

Our son was identified as a talented footballer as a child. Should we organise our lives around football or faith? We chose Jesus. At the time he was embarrassed to call himself a Christian. We trusted God. Today, he co-leads a youth group that regularly welcomes more than twenty every week.

Why am I standing?

I am standing for General Synod because I believe God has given me a heart for mission, experience in leadership, and a passion for the next generation.

- I know what it means to be an outsider who found Christ.
- I know what it means to walk alongside vulnerable people.
- I know what it means to bring together people with different views and backgrounds.
- I know what it means to stand firm when the pressure comes.

If elected, I will seek to serve prayerfully, courageously, and collaboratively. I will listen well, work hard, and always remember that our calling is not simply to maintain the Church, but to help people encounter the living Jesus.

Because I am here today as proof that God still changes lives. And I believe He is not finished with His Church yet.

Thank you.