

ANN LYNES

Clergy Candidate for General Synod 2026



Proposed by Jonathan Kester (Vicar of St Peter's Eaton Square; Area Dean of Camden, 2016-22)

Seconded by Richard Young (Mission Enabler for Willesden; Area Dean of Hillingdon, 2018-23)

I am standing for General Synod to move from the **spectator side-lines to active participation** in the conversations and decisions shaping the future of our Church.

I want to help build a Church that is **inclusive, relevant, courageous and hopeful**—a Church where everyone can find belonging, meaning, connection and purpose.

**I would be honoured to receive
your vote**



Originally born and brought up in **South London**, I studied **Applied Sport Sciences in Edinburgh**, before returning to London to begin a career as a Civil Servant. Later continuing my studies in **London** with a graduate diploma in **Psychology**, I was intending to become a psychologist, when I experienced a call to ordination.

Studying **Theology in Oxford** completed a wholistic jigsaw of body, mind and spirit, and this breadth has given me a **wonderfully integrated perspective of life** and the Christian faith. I have worked as a climbing instructor in a number of locations around the country and so am not adverse to taking the odd, carefully calculated risk! In my quieter moments I enjoy all kinds of sport, nature, music and the arts.

I was ordained in 2013 and served my Curacy in Barnes, before becoming the Vicar of Holy Trinity Northwood in Northwest London in 2017. Since then, I have served as Area Dean of Harrow and am currently **Dean of Women's Ministry** for Willesden, and a member of the Creation Care Steering Group for Willesden.



I am blessed with a canine member of my household, Lottie, who is part of my church's Pastoral Visiting Team and joins our meetings.



Lottie is often with me in church and also works as a Pets as Therapy Dog in our adjacent Church of England Primary School, where I am privileged to support staff and students in leading collective worship and serving as Governor.

WHY VOTE FOR ME

I am an **excellent orator**, unafraid to name injustice where I see it and give voice to the concerns of those who have no voice. **I will not be a passive observer** and will always seek to **make an active and positive** contribution.

MY PRIORITIES AT SYNOD

-  Put the **climate crisis** at the heart of our response
-  Work for **true gender equality** across the Church
-  Challenge **racial injustice** and discrimination
-  Stand firmly for a **fully inclusive** Church
-  Raise awareness of **neurodiversity** in all God's glorious variety



Serving as a member of the **Bishop of Willesden's staff team** for more than 5 years has given me **strategic experience** and an **in-depth understanding** of the workings of the Church of England at Area, Diocesan and National Church levels.

Being part of this team has reinforced the importance to me of **collaborative team-work** at all levels of leadership and ministry. I understand both the pressures of parish life and the possibilities afforded by our ecclesiastical structures. This working experience will help me to quickly **understand and navigate the procedures and processes** of General Synod, and enable me to collaborate well with others to make a difference.



It is a privilege to stand with lay and ordained colleagues on the **Inclusive Synod platform.**

"I am 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."

At a time of climate crisis, social change and increasing isolation, our Christian communities have something distinctive to offer: **meaningful community, belonging, connection and purpose.**

Young people are the future of Christ's Church, and they deserve to encounter a Church whose welcome reflects the love of Christ unequivocally —not one they experience as sexist, racist or homophobic.

I believe God's Spirit is prompting us towards positive change.

Please Vote

ANN LYNES Inclusive Synod Candidate for the House of Clergy