BLESSING ALAYANDE

Your voice for the grassroots — standing for the House of Laity, General Synod

Representing Together Coventry
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The local church deserves a strong voice at the national table — and I want to be that voice for you. I'm Blessing Alayande: a dedicated Christian leader, Business Analyst, mentor and community builder based in Coventry. I've spent years supporting faith development, leading children's ministries and hosting racial justice conversations — and I'm ready to bring that same energy, organisation and heart to General Synod.

PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE — GIVE BLESSING YOUR FIRST PREFERENCE

WHY I'M STANDING

I am fully aware of what General Synod involves, and I have the time to do the role justice. I want to bring the perspective of local parish and community life into Synod's prayers and decision-making — offering my organisational, facilitation and mentoring experience for the service of the Church. I believe the Church of England should be a place of welcome for everyone, and I am standing, in part, to make sure that conviction is heard at the national table.

WHERE I STAND ON INCLUSION

I support Living in Love and Faith moving forward, and I want Synod to keep listening well across difference. My own church community includes members in same-sex relationships, and I want them — and everyone who has felt on the margins of church life — to know they are seen, valued and welcome. I will bring that same openness to every conversation I take part in at Synod.

WHAT I BRING — PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Business Analyst at Warwick Employment Group (previously Equiniti) — managing and analysing complex data to inform decision-making.
- Strong problem-solving, stakeholder management and coordination skills, directly applicable to Synod discussions and church administration.
- Facilitator and coordinator of training sessions, including for tech students, using social media and community engagement practices.
- Theological Education in Black Theology (The Queen's Foundation, Birmingham), MSc International Business Management (Coventry University), MBA Human Resources Management (Ladoke Akintola University, Nigeria) and BSc Accounting (Babcock University, Nigeria).

MY FAITH IN ACTION

My faith journey has shaped my adult life — guiding me to help others recognise the potential and purpose God has placed within them, and to foster deeper theological engagement across the Church.



- Volunteer working with children and vulnerable adults at St Catherine's Church, Coventry, since April 2022 — leading children's engagement programmes under full safeguarding compliance (DBS certified).
- Lead Bible study for adults, children and young people's Sunday services, and co-lead the evening Theological Reflection Group (in-person and via Zoom).
- Coordinator of the Parish Church Council & Theological Reflection Group, and speaker at Deanery Synod advocating for faith-based initiatives.
- Hosted Racial Justice Sunday, leading discussions on racial justice within theological reflection at the church.
- Support Messy Church, Outreach and Hot Chocolate afternoon events, helping foster connections within the community.
- Previously served as Children's Teacher and church committee member (sanctuary keeper, Treasury & Audit Committee, Choir) at Living Faith Church (Winners Chapel), Ibadan, Nigeria, from 2010 to 2021.

MY COMMITMENT TO YOU

I would be honoured to serve and bring the perspective of local parish and community life into Synod's prayers and decision-making. Thank you— I hope you will give me your first preference vote.

The Inclusive Synod Election Campaign

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