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standing for re-election to the House of Clergy

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WHY AM I STANDING FOR GENERAL SYNOD?

I love Jesus and I love the Church. I want to see the church flourishing and healthy at all levels so we can be and do all God calls us to be and do.

I am passionate about:

- resourcing ministry at the grassroots
- outreach to communities who have not traditionally found a welcome in church
- developing a robust and undefended safeguarding culture
- working out what reconciliation looks like in and beyond the church.

After twenty-five years of lay and ordained leadership in a variety of contexts across five deaneries, I know Coventry Diocese well. I feel this enables me to value and represent the breadth of ministry which enriches our corner of the Church of England.

In General Synod in the last quinquennium, I was active and engaged, speaking in debates on safeguarding, parish resourcing and gender equality. I would be honoured to be elected to serve you again.

ORDAINED MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- Residentiary Canon at Coventry Cathedral (June 2025-present)
- Member of Diocesan Synod (2015-present)
- Member of General Synod (2021-2026)
- Vicar of St Paul's Stockingford (2015-2025)
- Nuneaton SAINTS Steering Group (2019-2025)
- Member of Race Equality Steering Group (2018-2025)
- Dean of Women's Ministry and member of Bishops Core Staff (2015-2023)
- Bishops Nominee to Bishops Council (2016-2023)
- Chair of the National Association of Diocesan Advisors in Women's Ministry (2019-2023)
- Member of Growing Faith Strategy Group (2019-2022)
- Curate-in-Charge St Laurence Meriden (2012-2015)
- Assistant Curate St Andrews Eastern Green (2012-2015)
- Assistant Curate St Nicholas and St Barnabas, Kenilworth (2011-2012)

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME?

Frontline Ministry
I have served in five very different churches in the diocese, before moving to the Cathedral, and am **passionate about the missional potential of the local church**, whatever its size or context. I am committed to churches becoming all God calls them to be as they seek to share the good news and follow Jesus together. I have also worked closely with local chaplaincy teams and deeply admire their work. **Chaplains are often the unsung heroes of the church** and I think we can do better at valuing and learning from their ministry..

Diversity
I believe diversity is one of God's good gifts and the church is richer when it makes spaces for voices that have been - and sadly continue to be - marginalized. **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.

"Getting things done"
Through my experience at deanery, diocesan and national synods, PCCs and Cathedral Chapter, Bishops Council and Bishops Core Staff as well as a variety of diocesan committees, I have developed **a broad understanding of how the Church of England operates**, strategically, financially and legally. I am interested in how the work at General Synod can have a real and **positive impact in ordinary church communities**.

Safeguarding
I have been responsible for safeguarding in a variety of different contexts. I am keenly aware of **the importance of robust safeguarding** and its vital missional nature. I am also aware of the challenges that worshipping communities face in implementing their safeguarding responsibilities and advocate for them receiving the **support and resources** they need to do this well.

A heart for the whole church
I deeply value the breadth of the Church of England. I believe it is one of our strengths and am passionate about us learning to **value and respect our differences**. I am currently undertaking PhD research in reconciliation, intra-church conflict and what Coventry's story can offer. It is not easy to embody Coventry's values of reconciliation in a debating chamber, but I continue to do my best!

THANK YOU

I appreciate you taking the time to read my statement. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. I would be grateful if you would consider me for your first preference vote