

JULIE DZIEGIEL

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS 2021 – HOUSE OF LAITY

Nominated by Anna Thomas-Betts (Burnham and Slough)

Seconded by David Thom (Milton Keynes)



INTRODUCTION

- Age 58, married with 3 daughters
 - Lives in Chesham, Bucks
 - Deanery Treasurer
 - Member of Bishop's Council 2012-2021
 - Member of General Synod 2010-2021
 - Member of Archbishops' Council Finance Committee 2016 - date
 - Member of Archbishops' Council Legislative Reform Committee inception - date
 - Member of various other Oxford Diocese
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My daughters are now young adults, and I am blessed to have time available which I am very happy to devote to the Lord's work within the Church of England.

I graduated from Cambridge University in 1981 with a degree in Natural Sciences and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1984. From 1985 to 1993 I worked as an accountant in industry, gaining useful experience of producing, interpreting and using figures, documents and strategies in practical situations – skills I have continued to use and develop in my work within the church as both a treasurer and in other roles over the past nineteen years.

CHURCH ROLES

From 2002 to 2018 I held treasurer roles in my parish of Great Chesham, and in 2010 I also became treasurer for Amersham Deanery, a role in which I continue to serve. Through this service I have gained extensive experience of the wide variety of churches within the Church of England. I have also served Oxford Diocese as a member of Bishop's Council for the last nearly nine years and also as a member of the Planning and Budgeting Sub Committee (effectively Finance Committee), Audit Committee and Common Vision Steering Group. I am currently Vice-Chair and Treasurer of Oxford Diocesan Council for

the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, one of the roles which keep my hand in regarding accounts preparation.

My young adult daughters provide me with opportunities to visit their churches as often as I can, and I benefit from their insights of a younger generation. I also have non-Christian relatives and friends – providing both a mission field (continual work in progress!) and insight in to how the secular world views the church, a perspective vital to plan our mission to reach the lost.

GENERAL SYNOD

From 2010- 2021 I represented Oxford Diocese on General Synod, and I was delighted to speak at least once at most groups of sessions, often drawing on my parish, deanery and committee knowledge and experience to illustrate my points. I have also served on several committees, which is where much of the detailed work of Synod is done, working with Church House staff to bring the aspirations of Synod to fruition. Through working on such committees at multiple different levels of the Church of England, I have gained substantial experience in church financial, legal and governance-based work. My professional skills and knowledge of the workings of the local parish are invaluable, and consistently underpin and inform my work at deanery, diocesan and national level. The aim of this work is always to support the mission in the front line, in local parishes.

If re-elected, I would hope to continue with this work, which will be an important part of the work that the church is undertaking to revive the church and equip it for growth and flourishing in the future, reversing the current decline. The importance of this work cannot be over-emphasised and we all must undergird it with prayer.

The next Synod will also have to further address the divisive issues of human sexuality. I believe we must value everyone, and I am very supportive of the Living in Love and Faith work that has provided extensive resources for all areas of the church. I would wish to help enable the use of these resources in deaneries and local churches, in the places where that would be helpful to overcome division. Christians are undoubtedly more effective when we work together.

I see and appreciate the glorious diversity of the Church of England, the strength of the parochial system and the opportunity it provides people to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. I pray that grace will prevail, and the church will grow and strengthen, and I would dearly love to use my skills and experience at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels to work towards that goal. To enable me to do this, I respectfully ask that you might consider giving me your first preference vote.

I should be delighted to discuss issues further – I can be contacted as below.