

General Synod Elections 2021



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- Current Occupation:** Director, Ozanne Foundation
Director, Global Interfaith Commission on LGBT+ Lives
- Voluntary Roles:** Patron, Movement of Supportive Anglicans for an Inclusive Church
Founder & Chair, UK Ban Conversion Therapy Coalition
Founder & Editor of the Anglican blogsite www.ViaMedia.News
- Church Affiliation:** St Mary & St Nicholas, Littlemore
Founder of Sacred, a monthly inclusive service in Christ Church Cathedral
Christ Church Cathedral Singers (2013 - present)
- Relevant Experience:** **General Synod (1999 – 2004; 2015 – 2021)**
Steering Group, General Synod Gender and Sexuality Group (2015 - 2021)
Bishop’s Council, Oxford Diocese (2015 – 2020)
Oxford Diocesan Synod (2015 – present)
Parish Share Review Group, Diocese of Oxford (2018)
Member of Cowley Working Group (2020) – set up following my PMM

Why Am I Standing?

1. An INCLUSIVE Church of England

As a gay evangelical I know sadly all too well that not everyone is made to feel welcome in our churches, and that our current regulations do not allow us to serve the needs of all our parishioners. This must change, and I am committed to continue working towards the full inclusion of all – irrespective of a person’s gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health and yes, their sexuality.

2. A SAFE Church of England

As a survivor of clerical sexual abuse, I have spent much time over the last quinquennium pushing for safeguarding to be given the priority and resources that it is now, fortunately, receiving. I campaigned hard for an Independent Safeguarding system and for the Clergy Discipline Measure to be overhauled. We have much still to do, not least in gaining the trust of survivors and making adequate amends for our failures.

3. A PARISH CENTERED Church of England

I worship in one of the poorest parishes of one of the richest dioceses, which has led me to campaign for those who have no adequate “boat to fish from”. We need to release central resources to fund struggling parishes and recognise that we are becoming too top heavy! Our mission and our future is in our parishes!

What Do I Commit To?

1. BEING A VOICE FOR THE MARGINALISED

I am committed to speaking up for those who have little access to power, for those on the margins, for those who feel forgotten and overlooked. I have a reputation for “saying things as they are” and being able to name the elephants in the room in order to get the real issues out into the open and discussed.

2. HOLDING THOSE IN AUTHORITY TO ACCOUNT

Whilst some may think we have “flat structures” we have a long way to go before making them a reality. Deference still abounds in the Church, and so we need people who are prepared to speak truth to power.

3. SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

We have some difficult conversations as a Church in front of us. This requires honesty, transparency and courage. However, nothing will be heard by those with whom we sincerely disagree unless it is said in love.

What Do I Ask?

1. PLEASE VOTE!

Whatever your views it is so important that all who can vote. Turnout for the House of Laity has been very low in the past and we need to increase it to ensure we have Synod Reps who represent the whole diocese.

2. PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING ME A HIGH PREFERENCE VOTE

It would be an honour to serve the Diocese of Oxford on General Synod again and I would much appreciate you giving me as high a preference vote as you feel able so that I can continue the work I have been doing.

3. PLEASE PRAY FOR US ALL

These are critical elections with much riding on the outcome given the significant synod decisions that need to be made over the next quinquennium. Your prayers for all of us who are standing is much appreciated.

Other Previous Church Positions: Founding Appointed Member, Archbishops’ Council (1999 – 2004))

Appointments Committee, Church of England (1999 – 2004)

Mission & Public Affairs Council (2001 – 2004)

Ex-officio member, General Synod (1999 – 2004)

Council & Standing Committee, Trinity Theological College (2002 – 2006)

Advisory Board, International Centre for Reconciliation, Coventry (2001 – 2004)

Board Member, Church of England Newspaper (2004 - 2006)

Holy Trinity Brompton PCC then St Mary’s Bryanston Square PCC (1999 – 2004)

Some Interesting Facts:

Led a coalition of UK mission agencies on the *Restoring Hope in our Church* project

Founded and oversaw Baroness Cox’s *Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART)*

Founded Canon Andrew White’s *Foundation for Reconciliation in the Middle East*

Visiting Research Fellowship, Oxford University in Religion & International Relations

Member of the Government’s LGBT Advisory Panel (2019 – 2021)

Some Previous Posts:

Head of Marketing, BBC Television

Director of Fundraising, Tony Blair Faith Foundation

Director of Fundraising, Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Charitable Funds