

Diocese of Oxford Synod

Vacancy in See Committee 2025- 2027

Candidate's Statement

Name of Candidate	The Reverend Canon Michael Keith John Smith
Beneficed or licensed to	Caversham Thameside and Mapledurham
Archdeaconry	Berkshire

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A candidate may set out in ***no more than 100 words*** a statement about themselves and why they are standing for election for circulation with the voting papers (and publication on the diocesan website). Please note, this is entirely optional. The Presiding Officer reserves the right to remove any material which might reasonably be considered defamatory or unlawful.

I have been a parish priest in this diocese for 11 years and am currently Area Dean of Reading and also on the Bishop's Council. I was recently a member of the selection panel for the See of Reading. Previously I served as a diocesan Bishop's Chaplain for 8 years. From these roles I have gained significant insights into the role of, and demands placed on, bishops and the needs of our diocese.

I am not a member of any church party or grouping, and will be led by the Spirit in assessing the needs of our diocese.

100 word limit applies