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**Dear friends in Christ,**

I am standing for General Synod because I care deeply about the life and witness of our Church. In a season of change and challenge, I believe we are called to be a people shaped by Scripture, sustained in prayer, and centred on the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

**Rooted in the gospel**

At the heart of our calling is the good news of God's love revealed in Christ. I long to see a Synod that keeps Christ at the centre of our discernment, encourages every Christian to grow in faith, and supports gentle, relational mission that helps people encounter Christ for themselves. Grace and truth must sit together in all we do.

**Strengthening the local church**

The parish remains a precious gift: a Christian presence in every community, offering worship, welcome, and care. I will advocate for sustainable ministry that supports clergy and enables those with a lay vocation to flourish; clear and transparent governance; investment in children, young people, and families especially through our Church schools and partnership working, including ecumenical collaboration where it strengthens mission.

**A Synod that listens well**

Our Church is broad and diverse, full of faithful people seeking to follow Christ. I am committed to listening carefully across traditions, building unity where we differ, and bringing a calm, steady approach to moments of tension. My experience in parish leadership and deanery/Diocesan collaboration has taught me the value of patience, generosity, and shared purpose.

**Engaged with the world**

Our communities face real pressures—economic, social, and spiritual—and the Church has a vital calling to be present, compassionate, and courageous. I will support the highest standards of safeguarding so that our churches remain places of safety, transparency, and trust for children, young people, and adults at risk. I champion advocacy for justice and care for the vulnerable. And uphold stewardship of creation as part of our responsibility to the world entrusted to us. I am committed to prayerful engagement with national and global concerns, responding to conflict, inequality, and environmental challenge with faith, humility, and a longing for peace, so that the Church's voice helps shape a society where dignity is upheld, hope is nurtured, and the love of Christ is made visible.

## **Roles and Experience**

### **Judicial and Community Service**

- **Presiding Family Justice Magistrate Shropshire (since 2007)** serving in both adult and family jurisdictions providing leadership and oversight in complex family cases and supporting the effective administration of justice

### **Education and Governance**

- **Parent/Foundation Governor, St Andrew's CE Primary School, Shifnal (2006–2021)**, contributing to school leadership, Christian ethos, safeguarding, and strategic development.
- **Elected Member, Lichfield Diocesan Board of Education (since 2022)**, supporting governance, policy formation, and oversight of Church schools across the diocese.
- **Chair of Trustees, Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust (SCEAT) (since 2023)**, providing strategic leadership for a growing MAT serving children, families, and communities across Shropshire.

### **Parish Leadership**

- **Churchwarden, St Andrew's Shifnal (2007–2014)**, supporting worship, administration, and pastoral life.
- **Lay Chair of PCC (2014–2025)**, providing leadership in mission, governance, and parish development.
- **Parish Safeguarding Officer (2014–2025)**, ensuring compliance, training, and safe-church practice.

### **Deanery and Diocesan Roles**

- **Lay Chair, Edmond & Shifnal Deanery (since 2021)**, enabling collaboration across town, village, and rural parishes and supporting deanery-wide mission and deployment.
- **Elected Member, Lichfield Diocesan Synod (since 2021)**, contributing to diocesan governance and strategic decision-making.
- **Diocesan Vocations Advisor (since 2022)**, accompanying individuals exploring ordained and lay ministries.
- **Elected Member, Lichfield Bishop's Council (since 2023)**, participating in senior diocesan governance and oversight.

### **Why I am standing**

I believe the Church of England can be a place of welcome, faithfulness, and hope—rooted in Scripture, centred on Christ, and open to the renewing work of the Spirit. If you feel able to support me with your vote, I would be honoured to serve.

### **With every blessing**

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