

Please vote for The Rev'd SHAUN MORRIS to serve on General Synod.

Proposed by: Fr Damian Feeney. Seconded by: Rev'd Dave Street.

I have served on General Synod for the past 6 years, and am offering myself for a further term:

Yes, I have attended, engaged, spoken, questioned, zoomed, voted... but as with other legislative bodies, much of the work is behind the scenes. My main involvement has been as a member of the ***Remuneration & Conditions of Service sub-committee of Archbishops' Council.***

I have consistently advocated that:

- Clergy remuneration be appropriate and adequate (having regard to situations where there is particular risk of hardship – for example, raising a family on a single income, living with disability).
- Parish Clergy remain 'office holders' and not drift to becoming more akin to 'employees'.
- We have appropriate 'terms of service' that enable us to value and equip Self Supporting Ministers.
- CDM be reformed and MDR be revised.
- Clergy welfare be a key driver, so that we can effectively serve our parishes, chaplaincies and communities.

The Church Commissioners have investments of some £9.2 billion.

I have taken a particular interest in how:

- Monies are made available to stimulate and sustain gospel work.
- Investment strategy is formed by both financial return *and* the pursuit of an ethical agenda (especially in respect of creation care).

My dreams for what Synod might achieve:

- Policies and initiatives that serve clergy – so they can be effective priests, pastors, teachers, chaplains, ministers to their people.
- Debates focussing on how the gospel can again ring out and bear fruit in our nation.
- The maintaining of biblical doctrine.
- A LOCAL church that is able to focus on serving the local community through congregations and chaplaincies.
- A NATIONAL structure that assists the local church in developing excellent clergy, appropriate buildings, sound finance, and ways to combat red tape.

Imagine if Synod helped deliver to the next generation:

- ✓ Well equipped and godly clergy.
- ✓ Reduced bureaucracy.
- ✓ Help to manage buildings.
- ✓ A Gospel focus.
- ✓ Sound finances.



Some things about me:

- *I have been ordained for 15 years, am the Vicar of Hanford, and Area Dean of Stoke-on-Trent.*
- *I am married to Sarah, who too is ordained, and is the Managing Chaplain of a prison in the Stafford area.*
- *I was brought up in rural Lincolnshire and have also lived in the inner city.*
- *My degree is in Law and Economics. For twenty years I practiced as a Chartered Accountant – initially with one of the global firms in London and latterly as a partner in a regional firm in Staffordshire.*
- *I currently serve as a Trustee of St Chad's Trust, which assists the work at Dovedale House and Shallowford House.*

Please do email or call with questions.

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