



Immy Sharp

Thank you for taking the time to read my address. I am excited to be standing for Synod, and it would be a privilege to represent you in the future should I be elected. Please prayerfully consider making me your first or high preference vote in the upcoming election.

ABOUT ME

Personal Life

First and foremost I am a follower of Jesus Christ. I was fortunate to grow up in a churchgoing household and decided to follow Jesus for myself during my teenage years. My faith impacts every part of my life and I continue to grow as a disciple of Christ.

I am wife to Peter and mum to Silas who we welcomed in January '26. Peter and I moved to Staffordshire last year and it's been a privilege to start our family here. I absolutely love it here, although the move to a town has been a bit of a change for me as a country girl! I grew up in Herefordshire countryside so you will often find me out for my daily plod through nature.

Current Employment: Chaplaincy

When not on maternity leave, I work as a lay chaplain in a secondary academy. In this role I get the honour of representing Christ and the Christian faith to young people and staff, supporting them pastorally and praying for the school community. I discovered my love for chaplaincy while studying my undergraduate degree in Theology and Youth Ministry at Regents Theological College (where I completed chaplaincy placements at Birmingham Children's Hospital and at a local secondary school). So naturally I went on to complete my Master's in Chaplaincy with Children and Young People at CYM.

During my time in this role, I have seen young people ask questions about the Christian faith, have opportunities to explore Christianity, read the Bible, learn how to pray. I have supported staff and young people through challenging situations and offered appropriate hope by bringing Christ into the conversation. I pray that God will continue to work within the school and I'm honoured that I get to serve there.

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ABOUT ME

- 29 years old
- Wife to Peter and Mum to Silas
- Lay Chaplain in a Church of England Academy
- I love going for walks and taking photos (though I'm certainly at beginner level photography!)
- When I have the time, I also enjoy arts and crafts, particularly watercolour or crochet.

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Previous Experience

I have experience of working with children and young people within and outside of the church (in hospital settings, wellbeing groups and mentoring, and schools). It's fantastic that young people bring joy and fun and often ask questions which will really make you think! I love seeing young people develop a passion for Jesus and grow in their giftings and skillsets.

In 2021, I started working for a youth work charity where I would go into hospitals and support young people in crisis, offering follow-up support in the community if needed. Throughout this role, I saw the links between spirituality and wellbeing in action. I would prayerfully support young people and their families and I saw God change lives through the ministry of listening well.

In 2024, I then moved to the role of youth pastor at the church I was attending (prior to relocating to Staffordshire). Before this job change I had served on the PCC and volunteered on the youth ministry team. While I worked for the church, I saw how effective links between churches and schools can impact young people, especially when churches are running effective and engaging youth ministries. I noticed that Christian discipleship was easiest for the young people who had support in their faith at home, church and at school.

I have also experienced the challenges of forming relationships with schools which has certainly impacted my current chaplaincy work. Since starting my current role in 2025, I have enjoyed working alongside local churches (especially our local parish church) in ministering effectively to the school community. My chaplaincy ministry would be far less effective without all that our local church are doing to share the good news in our school and local town,

WHAT WOULD I BRING TO SYNOD?

I want to see **Jesus made known** across our nation. I want to see more people hear good news of eternal life through Christ Jesus and to see the Church invest in equipping and empowering Christians to create environments where children and young people are growing in faith whether at home, church or at school.

I believe in developing a Church that invites all people into a **place of belonging**, values all human beings as image bearers, and supports and encourages living in a way that honours Christ Jesus. This includes doing safeguarding well and being informed and trained on how to pastorally support others through challenging situations.

I have a heart for **young people**. I hope to see God transform the lives of children and young people as he has transformed my life. Furthermore, the church has a role to play in developing healthy young hearts and minds who know they are loved by God and are fearfully and wonderfully made. I'm keen to see Jesus made known to the young people of our nation.

Thank you for taking the time to read my candidate profile. Please consider voting for me in the upcoming election.