

I am passionate about helping the Church make good decisions: decisions that are rooted in prayer, informed by a range of voices, and shaped by our shared calling to the full breadth of God's mission. One of the things I value most is listening well, especially when experiences and perspectives differ, and helping people find a way forward together.

I believe it is important that General Synod reflects the richness and diversity of the Church of England. In my role as Archdeacon, I have the privilege of working with clergy and parishes from across a wide range of traditions, contexts and communities. Over almost five years in Peterborough Diocese I have built strong relationships with many clergy and church communities, supporting them through times of opportunity, challenge and change. Those experiences have given me a deep appreciation of the realities of ministry in our diocese.

I have previously served on General Synod and understand both the opportunities and responsibilities of the role. Having now served in Peterborough for almost five years, I would be honoured to represent the voices of our clergy and parishes at Synod and to ensure that the experiences of this diocese are heard within national discussions.

Much of my current work involves helping parishes and clergy navigate legal, governance, safeguarding and pastoral issues. I see everyday how decisions made nationally can have a significant impact locally. I would bring to Synod both the stories of our churches and communities and a practical understanding of how policy and legislation affect the life and ministry of parishes on the ground. Good decision-making requires us not only to debate ideas but also to understand their consequences for those serving faithfully in local churches.

I also bring significant experience in ecclesiastical law and safeguarding, including serving on our Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel. At a time when the Church continues to face important questions in these areas, I believe this experience would enable me to contribute constructively and thoughtfully to the work of Synod.

Above all, I would seek to be a faithful voice, listening carefully, representing faithfully, and contributing positively to the life of our national Church.