

Heather Siân Kellogg

General Synod Election Address

November 2019



I am standing for this casual vacancy on General Synod because I care for my diocese and the people and churches in it. This is a great opportunity to experience General Synod, as I will be standing for the full term later next year.

I have been a Diocesan Synod Lay Representative for Dove and Derwent Deanery since 2018. I am a member of the Belper Street Angels Leadership Team (since 2014), Deanery Synod Member (since 2017), Baptism Prep Leader (since 2015), PCC and TLC Member (since 2014) and Flourishing Churches Team Member for St. Peters Parish. These roles not only keep me busy but connect me with the church and wider community which I really enjoy and find extremely rewarding. Due to my involvement within St Peters, Belper Parish I was fortunate enough to receive the Bishop's Badge in 2017 from The Right Reverend Dr Alastair Redfern.

As the youngest member of these various committees I recognise the need for better representation for the younger members of our church community and feel best place to raise these issues up. I have experience as a Deanery and Communication Administrator for the diocese and in my current position as Executive Officer and PA for the Diocesan Secretary, I have a good understanding of the structures and communication networks and feel well placed to ensure news and information can reach the correct people.

If elected I would approach my position with respect and mindfulness of all the views our church family holds. I anticipate changes within our diocese, with the hope of a new vision guiding our aspirations for this diocese, and changes in the national church which both excite and encourage me for the future.

I would be grateful to be given the opportunity to represent the laity of this diocese and would be happy to discuss your good news or concerns. Thank you for taking the time to read my election address and consider voting for me.

With thanks,

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