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together 
For the Church of England

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It has been a great privilege to serve as a member of General Synod since 2015 representing the Diocese of Derby, and I am seeking your vote to elect me to serve for another term. The Church and General Synod will be faced with some very tough issues over the next five years. I bring knowledge, experience, good communication skills and the ability to work well across difference.

At General Synod, I have supported and voted for:

The Church's lament for safeguarding failures and moves toward independent scrutiny and oversight and a redress scheme.

Ambitious Net Zero carbon targets so that the Church might show its commitment to care for creation and be a leader in addressing the global emergency of climate change and its impact on both the natural environment and the humanity.

Introduction of the Prayers of Love and Faith, acknowledgement of the cost paid by LGBTQIA+ people and moves to be more fully inclusive.

Steps to encourage the vocations of working-class people to lay and ordained ministry.

Removal of *Issues in Human Sexuality* from the vocational discernment process.

Acknowledgement and lament for the Church's historic role in transatlantic chattel slavery and to promote actions that demonstrate God's love and justice for all people.

Support for clergy, including changes to the pension scheme and a new Clergy Conduct Measure to replace the Clergy Discipline Measure.

I believe:

The Gospel message is relevant and needed. As people of faith, we can do a much better job of communicating this and connecting with the communities we serve.

Under increasing financial pressure, how the Church allocates money is a significant issue for Synod. As difficult decisions are made, it is essential that spending is made where it is most needed to support local churches, and our first priority as Christians must be 'the least of these' of Matthew 25.

As the established church, the Church of England holds a privileged position to speak into the public square. Years of failing to safeguard the most vulnerable and internal squabbling over full inclusion of women and LGBTQIA+ people have decimated the Church's credibility. The Church has an important role to play to bring Christian values into public discourse, but actions speak more loudly than words and there is a great deal that needs to be done to regain public trust.

To fulfil its mission, the Church needs to be generous, welcoming and inclusive, a place in which everyone can belong, participate fully in membership and leadership. Through my work as part of the Living in Love in Faith Working Group on Vocations and Ministry, I have shown my ability and willingness to work across difference to enable the Church to be one where all might flourish.

We need to continue to find, encourage and develop church leaders, both lay and ordained, to lead the church, serve communities and enable all church members, the whole body of Christ, to live out their faith in their everyday lives.

About me:

I have been a Diocesan staff member for 12 years, working in a number of different roles in governance, vocations and church buildings, which gives me a broad understanding of issues faced by people and churches. I am now DAC Secretary.

I have a passion for the local church- I have served as churchwarden, treasurer, children's group leader and Foodbank volunteer.

I am the coordinator of the local network of clergy and lay people who are members of Together, which seeks greater inclusion and equal opportunity to participate in the life of the Church for all, regardless of ethnicity, disability, sex, gender, gender identity, sexuality, mental health, neurodiversity, marital status, socio-economic background or economic power.

I am friendly and approachable, and I work relationally and collaboratively.

I ask for your vote and I ask that you also give priority to my Together colleagues Emily Brailsford and Louisa Wass-Griffiths in the House of Laity, and I encourage clergy colleagues to give priority to Julian Hollywell, Bryony Taylor and Sarah Watson in the House of Clergy. I believe that we will work as an effective and collaborative group for the Diocese of Derby.

I am very happy to answer any questions you may have. Please use the contact information included above.