

Peter Kelsey



Candidate for the House of Laity – Diocese of Derby

Treasurer in the Parish of Dethick, Lea and Holloway.

Deanery Leadership Team since 2018.

Elected to General Synod in 2023 and ready to commit to another 5 years.

Please give me your first or high preference vote.

Why I am standing for a second term:

I joined General Synod nearly half way through the quinquennium. This has been very beneficial in that I now understand the complex workings of Synod and how to get things done. By starting half way through I missed out on joining committees, which are all formed at the start of the quinquennium, and I need to get onto some committees this time to make the biggest difference.

What will I do if you elect me:

I will continue to support Save the Parish.



Save the Parish is a brilliant group that I am involved with which instigated the motion that asked the Church Commissioners to spend some of their £11.6 billion to support Parishes. The request was for £100m per annum to be spent on Parishes. I brought this to Carsington Deanery and then on to Diocesan Synod, both passed. Around half of all 42 Diocesan Synods passed this motion which went to General Synod in July 2025. An amended version of the motion was

passed and now we need to make sure that this is properly followed through and not watered down. We need to ensure that Parishes get the support that they need from both the Church Commissioners and Archbishops' Council.

I can help to make that happen if you elect me.

My financial background and innovative ideas allow me to be an active part of the financial scrutiny group of Save the Parish.

The STP manifesto is here: savetheparish.com/general-synod-manifesto-2026/

In a few words the Save the Parish aims, which I endorse, are:

For Parishes	For Priests	For People
Restore Church Commissioners' funds to parish ministry.	Establish a charter of care that values our overworked Clergy.	Adopt a churchgoers' charter that honours volunteers.
Direct the common fund to mission and the cure of souls.	Renew rich theological resourcing for theological education.	Make church closure harder than survival and growth.

I am also involved with the Rural Interest Group on General Synod, supporting rural ministry, where our Priests are too thinly spread over too many Parishes.

Since 2000 the number of stipendiary parish clergy nationally has fallen by 28% - we must reverse this trend!

Where I am serving:

Locally I have been on our PCC for 15 years and Treasurer for 5 years.

As part of the Deanery Leadership Team we are working to support Parishes in Carsington Deanery and organising Synods to deliver support and improved communication – including a WhatsApp group.

I am Lay Chair of our Diocesan Synod, a member of Bishop's Council, the Investment and the People and Remuneration committees. My goal as Lay Chair is to improve communication and make Synod more engaging. In the investment committee we have significantly improved the income generated by our investments, which greatly helps in the funding of clergy. The people and remuneration committee is new and it is exciting working to see how we can improve the conditions for the clergy and DBF staff across the Diocese – wellbeing is so important.

Home and Work:

I am married and we live in Lea. We have a close family and holiday together alternate years. I am Managing Director of a company employing 300 people, which we build from scratch. We support various charities and am honoured to be a Patron of Ashgate Hospice.

Thank you for reading. Do get in touch with any questions.

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