

# Siân Kellogg

## General Synod Election Address

*Nominated by Christine McMullen, seconded by Canon Mark Titterton*

I am re-standing for General Synod because I care for my diocese and the people and the churches in it and believe I have the motivation and diligence required.

I felt honoured to be elected at the last election of casual vacancies to General Synod back in 2019, which gave me the privilege of representing the diocese at national level. It was a role I took seriously and in the short time of being on General Synod I was able to gain a good understanding of the responsibilities and complex workings of General Synod, something which I believe will put me in good stead to hit the ground running if elected.

We begin this quinquennium at a crucial time for the Church, where big conversations and even bigger decisions are going to be made which will shape Church and those who wish to be associated with it. I believe that as Christians we have a responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus – in an ever-changing world this is both a difficult and blessed position to be in.

I have a strong understanding of governance and recognise the importance of engaging in the legislative process and have been fortunate to gain knowledge of key issues through my roles as:

- General Synod member (2019-2021)
- Diocesan Executive Officer and PA to the Diocesan Secretary (2018-present)
- Diocesan Synod member (2018-present)
- PCC member (2014-present)

As the Diocese of Derby and Church of England discern their visions and strategies the General Synod representatives have an opportunity to support and drive important agendas forward. I would continue to ensure business was reported back to the diocese and would like to be a conduit for matters to be raised with General Synod as required.

Better representation for the younger members of our church community is important to me and I acknowledge the invaluable role all laity play within our Church.

I am committed to equality for everyone, at all levels and roles within the Church, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, socio-economic status, mental health, or sexuality.

I consider myself to be respectful, a good listener and good communicator. I recognise the diverse opinions of those within the Church, society's views of the Church and our urgent need to adapt and reconnect with one another.

My prayer is that you consider giving me your first vote, and I ask that you also give priority to Kat Alldread and Jack Cooper in the House of Laity. I encourage clergy colleagues to give priority to Julian Hollywell, Alicia Dring and Jacqueline Stober in the House of Clergy. I believe that together we will work with Bishop Libby as an effective and collaborative group for the Diocese of Derby.

Thank you for taking the time to read my election address and considering me for the role of General Synod representative for the House of Laity. Should you wish to get in touch please feel free to contact me on 07961 474731.



### Voting record

- ❖ Voted for the Safeguarding Code of Practice Measure
- ❖ Consistently voted for simplification
- ❖ Voted not to take note of the Bishops' Report on Human Sexuality
- ❖ Voted for climate change targets
- ❖ Voted for the Wellbeing Covenant
- ❖ Voted not to take note of the Report on Mutual Flourishing

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