

Diocese of Canterbury
Elections to the General Synod 2010

**The Election Address of Terence (Terry) Hayes
of Romney Deanery**



As a Christian, I have always wanted to serve, I wanted to train for the priesthood, but instead I was sent to the University of Life, to learn about my own strengths and weaknesses, and share the pain of some of God's people who were homeless, unemployed and lacking self respect. My thinking has been coloured by my experience which I have tried to express in the following three sections; this I feel is the way forward for the Church:-

1 The Church. When Jesus called us to "go and make disciples of all nations" he was calling every Christian to an evangelistic and missionary task, which is always the 'bottom line' for the life of the Church and for its action in the world. When we respond to the call to all nations, we respond to a call to be an inclusive church, opening our doors and our hearts to all who seek the Lord Jesus Christ regardless of colour, gender or sexual nature. Then surely the Christian call is to be non-judgemental - in our congregations, in our PCC's, in our synods, in our dealings with all types and conditions of men and women. Jesus warned us, "Judge not, that you be not judged." Judgement is the prerogative of God. We, for our part, must look to those things we do that hinder the growth of the Church. Given the Church's financial position, and its long-term effect on the Church's mission, in particular in rural parishes, I feel a grave concern, but I draw hope from the words of Roger Schutz, "When the Church becomes poorer and loses her confidence in the efficiency of great material resources, she is on the road to renewal"

I will work to extend the mission of the Church.

2. The World St. James reminds us that faith without works is dead, and I believe the proper environment for holiness is the awareness of the misery and oppression of the human race and the need to set in motion the process of liberation. The Church needs to be at the forefront of the battle against unemployment, homelessness, hunger, substance misuse, debt and injustice. We should be looking at new systems of dealing with crime and perhaps restorative justice is a good starting point. Where are the local churches when the unemployed face crises of confidence, when children are homeless, when there are people who need to unburden themselves of the mental baggage they carry?

Where is the local church, when a family breaks down, or when child abuse and drug addiction is part of the life of almost every parish?

I will work to support those in need.

3. The Wider Church. Brought up a Methodist, and having worked for an ecumenical organisation (Folkestone Rainbow Centre), I pray constantly that the blot of disunity may be erased from the life of our churches, and that we may be one church in all its diversity. I

believe that the biggest barrier to the growth of the Kingdom of God is the disunity among His people.

I will work for the unity of the Church.

In conclusion, I dedicate my life afresh to the extension of God's kingdom and to the service of the church, praying that I may be kept free from sin and self-interest. Please give me your vote, but more, importantly your prayers, for I hope to bring my experience to the service of the wider church. In conclusion, I am pleased to stand for election to General Synod and in this I have the full support and encouragement of my Vicar, the Rev'd Jim Field, I therefore seek your vote.

Biographical Note

I was born in London in 1936, to a family with strong Methodist connections and educated at Kent College, Canterbury. I qualified and was recognised as a Methodist Local Preacher in 1954. On completion of National Service in The Royal Corps of Signals I spent two years as a candidate for the Methodist Ministry combining study for entrance qualifications with a full time ministry as a Lay Pastor having charge of eight country churches. Having not formally entered the Methodist ministry, I took up secular employment and worked in Retail Management, Marketing and Sales from 1958 to 1989.

With the support of Canon Mark Roberts I joined the Anglican Church, worshipping at All Saints, St. Mary's Bay since 1988, and was confirmed in 1990. At the Bay I am an ex-churchwarden and vice chairman of the PCC. As well as serving on the Deanery Synod for nearly 20 years, I have been a member of Diocesan Synod since 2003 and served on the Redundant Churches Uses Committee. Following a period of unemployment, I took a career change in 1989 when I was employed by South Kent College to train long-term unemployed for self-employment (work which quickly changed from a job to a ministry) and 12 years later I was appointed Manager of Folkestone Rainbow Centre. I retired in 2003, but continued as a volunteer director and company secretary of that organisations trading company until 2009. My wife and I still help out in their charity shop when needed. For some three years I served as a volunteer panel member for the Youth Offending Service and now I am a member of the New Romney History Society, and my local resident's association.

I have been married to Megan for 49 years, have two children, Jeana, who lives on the Isle of Skye, and David, who with his wife Lucy and our two wonderful grandchildren live in Dover

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