



General Synod 2010

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Proposed by: Rev'd Canon Gill Calver, All Saints, Staplehurst.

Seconded by: Rev'd Canon Colin Preece, St. Mary the Virgin, Ashford.

Why vote for me?

I am asking you to vote for me in the forthcoming election for General Synod so that there will continue to be an inclusive voice representing the ordinary clergy of this Diocese.

I am very grateful to Gill Calver and Colin Preece for their support of my nomination and I hope to continue with the good work done by Gill whilst she represented you in the last Synod.

Something about me

I am married to Sophie, a University lecturer, and we have a teenage son, Jacob. I am 43 years old and before training for the ministry – at Trinity, Bristol – was a bank manager for Barclays, with whom I worked for 17 years.

I have an understanding of finance and believe that this is an important attribute to bring to the next Synod, especially with the threat of further recessionary times ahead, the increasing burden that clergy pensions cause to parish finances and

the increasingly ethical considerations that need to be made when the church makes investments.

I am vice chair of the governing body of three local Primary schools, and with my son going through the education system, am very interested in the education of our young people and passionate that they should all be able to have a good experience of God and of his Church as part of our education system.

I enjoy both Spring Harvest and the Greenbelt Festival. I am a member of 'Changing Attitude' and have signed up to 'Inclusive Church'. My worship experience encompasses both Catholic and Evangelical – indeed the two congregations that I minister with are representative of this, with one being Evangelical and the other Catholic.

What I will do

To conclude if you give me one of your top preference votes and if elected to represent you I will continue to support the motion, when it returns to Synod, to ensure that women who are called to be a Bishop are empowered to work in the same capacity as their male counterparts.

I will support motions that allow the church to be inclusive, regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation. I will be watchful of how the Church raises, invests and spends its money.

Thank you

Once again thank you to Gill and Colin for their encouragement and support. Thank you for taking time to read this and I hope that you will be able to give me your support, especially with a first or second preference vote.

Contact

I shall be pleased to hear what the important issues are for you and to hear your views on these issues I have highlighted. If you wish to contact me you can on:

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