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Please feel free to contact me!

I'm a young, committed evangelical Christian with legal experience and a long time of service on both PCC and Deanery Synod. I want to stand for General Synod to provide a voice for young people, look to future growth of the Church and to provide constructive input to the formation of Canon Law.

Relevant experience

- Deanery Synod representative for Holy Trinity Frogmore since 2011.
- PCC Member of Holy Trinity Frogmore since 2010, including two years as deputy chair.
- Leader at youth group for 11-18s since 2008.
- Registered UK Patent Attorney with several years' experience.

About me

I grew up attending a Church of England primary school, and have been blessed throughout my youth by many Christians' faithful witness in my life. I finally came to faith at the age of 17 at a local Anglican church. At Cambridge University whilst studying Natural Sciences I was involved in the student Christian groups as well as being heavily involved in my local Anglican church.

Since moving to St Albans to begin my career as a patent attorney I have attended Holy Trinity Frogmore, a small Anglican church in a nearby village. There I have remained, and am now firmly a part of the family of Christians there, having been involved in the youth group for long enough to see young children in the youth group I lead grow to head off to university.

I have a broad experience of, and respect for, different forms of churchmanship, having attended services as disparate as morning prayers at 0730 at St Albans Abbey; worship services at a charismatic church; and baptisms at an Anglo-Catholic church.

I recently celebrated my 31st birthday, and have been married for six years to my wife, Fiona. Later this year our son will turn one year old, and, as my wife returns to work we are both privileged to be able to work part-time, ensuring that we each get plenty of time with our son. I will be in charge of looking after him on Mondays, and am very much looking forward to some quality father-son time!

Why am I standing for Synod?

I decided to stand for Synod as I believe that we are at an important juncture in the history of the Anglican Church, and I think that it is essential that the General Synod fully represents the diversity of the Church of England—both in terms of the individual members as well as the church background.

My church is now coming to the end of a vacancy as our vicar is instituted at the end of September. Going through the appointment process as a PCC member has given me a greater appreciation for the church as a whole; as well as the difficulties now faced by congregations in finding appropriate clergy. I want to provide a voice for evangelical churches in particular, but am fully committed to the Anglican community remaining a place where different congregations can live God's love and flourish, supporting each other in the Great Commission.

I'm a firm believer in the philosophy that if something is worth doing at all, it's worth doing well. I have been blessed with the full support of my wife and my church, and I have made arrangements to be able to focus on General Synod should I be elected.

Why should you vote for me?

- Across the nation, churches have a hole in their attendance where the so-called “millennials” (i.e. my generation) should be attending but simply do not seem to come. If as a nationwide community we are to reach out to these people it's essential that they have a voice at all levels of the Church. I would provide such a voice.
- Many churches struggle to retain their young members once they enter their mid-teens. As someone with many years' experience of youth work (both at church and on residential CYFA summer camps), I would seek to promote good practices in reaching out to youth and ensure that we do not give up on them.
- The Anglican Church faces a time of much disagreement on the issue of human sexuality. I recognise that there is a diversity of views on this matter and, value everyone's input. Whatever the Church decides, I want to help the Church to remain pastorally sensitive and helpful towards those whose mind is already made up and strive to live in faithful obedience.
- Much of the business of General Synod involves lengthy legal documents and debate around changes to the wording of rules and regulations. My legal experience would enable me to make valuable contributions to such debates and help ensure that the Synod passes good laws that have the intended effect. In particular, I welcome the work of the Simplification Group and would seek to support their efforts to remove legislative restraints to mission and growth.
- Above all, I long for a united Anglican Church that is confident in the power of the Gospel to transform the individual and wider society, and in that confidence is able to “go and make disciples” of all peoples in this country and beyond.

Proposed by: Dr Matthew Punter (St Albans Deanery)

Seconded by: Mr Daniel French (St Albans Deanery)

I would be most grateful for your prayers and support—and your first preference vote!