



## GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS 2015

**Trevor Ralph Standen MA LLB**

St. Francis, Hammerfield

Member of the Parochial Church Council  
of the Parish of Boxmoor

Member of The Society  
of King Charles the Martyr

Member of Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn

Member of The Society  
of St. Wilfred and St. Hilda

### Parish Life

Along with others, I returned to St. Francis Hammerfield, four years ago in an attempt to revive the church. We have put the church on a good financial footing and have raised its profile within the local community. Our church is renowned for its friendliness as well as its serenity of liturgy. I sit on the PCC for the Parish of Boxmoor. St. Francis has a traditional Prayer Book liturgy and has a different form of churchmanship from that of its mother church, St. John's. However, we have acted in close concert with each other out of mutual tolerance and respect and have effectively practised the spirit of the Five Principles, as enacted by the House of Bishops, but long before they enacted them. I believe that the strength of the Church of England is her diversity.

### Personal Life

I was called to the Bar in 1976, being published a Barrister-at-Law by Lincoln's Inn. I specialise in Town and Country Planning and have acted on around 700 planning applications and appeals on most forms of development. Among other cases, I represented the major oil companies and British Airways Plc at the Heathrow Terminal 5 Planning Inquiry and played a leading part in the application process for the Bomber Command Memorial in Green Park. I am a former member of The Bar Council and The Ecclesiastical Law Society. I am Head of Planning with a City Law firm.

I am married with two daughters. I am a keen walker and sketcher and am very interested in History and in steam railways. I was confirmed into The Church of England when I was a young man. My belief in God and adherence to the sacraments of the church are a cornerstone of my life. I believe that since the General Synod is a law making body, my professional background and my involvement over many years as a member of PCC's in the Luton, Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead deaneries, would equip me to serve your interests on the General Synod, were you to elect me.

## My Views

The Church Of England exists in an increasingly multi-faith yet secular society. In consequence, the challenges it faces are unique. I believe that the next five years will be crucial. In order to grow it should proclaim the teachings of Holy Scriptures. The following are amongst some of the great challenges facing the next Synod:

- ◆ Same sex marriages and how this impacts on the one man married to one woman teaching of the Church as contained in Canon B30.
- ◆ The possibility that in a quest for a union with Methodism, priests may be appointed who have not been ordained by Bishops, contrary to church teaching .
- ◆ The possibility that the confidentiality of sacramental confession, which is currently under threat, may be breached.

I believe that in our mission to grow God's church, what is necessary is not high -pressure evangelism, but friendship evangelism. I would be honoured to represent you on the General Synod.

I am very grateful for the support of my Proposer, Job Rombout and my Seconder, Anthony Kilmister OBE.

## This election matters

**PLEASE SUPPORT ME WITH YOUR FIRST PREFERENCE VOTE.  
I WOULD BE PROUD TO REPRESENT THIS DIOCESE, AND WOULD  
DO MY UTMOST TO REPRESENT EVERYONE.**

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