

The Reverend Kevin Ian Goss SCP

Vicar, St Paul, Bedford

Proposed by:

The Reverend Canon Richard Watson

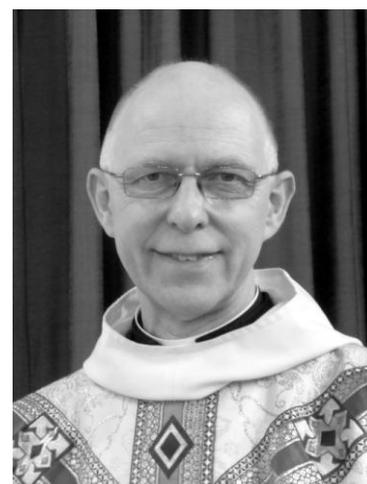
Sub Dean, the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban

Seconded by:

The Reverend Mike Fudger

Priest-in-charge, St Peter de Merton, Bedford

Assistant Rural Dean, Bedford Deanery



Why vote for Kevin Goss?

- Because what you see is what you will get
- I will work hard, speak up and use my vote wisely in Synod
- I believe the Gospel calls us into renewal and change
- I will graciously say the things that are sometimes difficult to say
- I will represent the whole diocese and all clergy, not just a part of it

What will Kevin Goss stand for in the next Synod?

- I believe that the biblical Gospel is essentially inclusive. I both desire and have worked hard in my corners of the vineyard for a church which is generous, welcoming, inclusive and open. A church where all people are able to participate fully in the membership and leadership of the church, regardless of gender, status, ethnicity, wealth, sexual orientation or disability.
- I continue to rejoice in the ministry of women as bishops, priests and deacons
- Reform and Renewal: I believe that we need to be bold and courageous in facing today's missionary challenges. In particular, I endorse:
 - that we need to move from an over-clericalised approach to a common, missionary discipleship of all, lay and ordained
 - the balancing of the managerialism sometimes encountered in professional development with a proper sense of spirituality and vocation
 - the balancing of the necessary simplification of the Church's legislative processes to achieve more nimble responses to pastoral and missionary ends, with proportionate consultation and safeguards for clergy
 - a flexible and imaginative approach to training and mission funding
- I am anxious to get beyond these internal and other 'current issues' to refocus our energies on proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to our nation
- I believe in the Gospel of the Incarnation: the Church of England is called not to adopt a congregational model, but to be the church *for* the nation *in* the nation. The Church's energies at parish, deanery, diocese and synod must be directed into mission and evangelism and to influence our society positively. The church must reconnect with the communities it serves; and engage positively with those it too often alienates, by building bridges rather than raising drawbridges.

What would Kevin Goss bring to the role?

- I have first hand experience of different Anglican traditions, including ministering in Evangelical and Charismatic churches; these continue to inform my long held modern Catholic theology and practice. I am a supporter of Affirming Catholicism and Inclusive Church and a member of the Society of Catholic Priests
- A love of God and a love of people
- Experience in understanding and listening to complex issues and concerns, the ability to see others' points of view, and responding with:
- Common sense, humanity, compassion and pragmatism
- Proven commitment and hard work to see real change, at parish level and beyond

What experience does Kevin Goss bring to the role?

- I have first hand understanding of diverse ministry over 18 years in semi-rural, suburban and town parishes. I am presently Vicar of the town centre and multicultural parish of St Paul, Bedford: leading a ministry to the Civic life of Bedfordshire, an eclectic congregation and the most deprived parish in the diocese
- 5 years in Cathedral ministry as Precentor at Canterbury
- 10 years and 6 years in hospital and school chaplaincy respectively
- 10 years as a School Governor
- 2 years as Rural Dean of Bishops Stortford
- 23 years as a member of Deanery Synods in three dioceses
- 9 years a member and Chair, St Albans Diocesan Worship and Liturgy Committee
- Lecturer for the SEITE Ordination Course
- 3 years as a member of St Albans Diocesan Synod

What is Kevin Goss really like?

Background, education and secular experience

- Born in Sussex
- Professional musician (GRSM LRAM LTCL LGSM Royal Academy of Music)
- 20 years experience as School Teacher (PGCE Cantab), examiner and adjudicator
- Training for Ordination on SDMTS (Southern Dioceses Ministerial Training Scheme)
- MA with distinction in Pastoral Liturgy (Heythrop College, London)
- 59 year-old priest with over 23 years experience of ordained ministry
- Single, lives alone, has many friends
- Loves a challenge: can often be found climbing a mountain or learning a new skill
- Ministry and Synod is serious stuff; but he has enough humour not to take *himself* too seriously!

I hope that you will be able to give me your support by giving me your first preference vote. It would be much appreciated. Thank you.

With best wishes,

Kevin

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