

## The Reverend Canon Teresa Wynne SCP

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### Personal Statement

I'm not going to pepper this with lots of buzz phrases - or make you have to read 'between the lines' to know where I'm coming from....my passion is the parish. And what you see is what you get.

I believe the parish system, for all its faults, is the jewel in the crown of the Church of England. Parish churches are places which heal and nurture, places where anyone of faith or none is welcomed, places where people are accompanied in their times of sorrow and of joy. A resource for the whole community. And I think they, and the opportunities they provide, are being consigned to the Church of England 'back burner'.

I serve in a parish which is in an area of considerable social and financial deprivation (with one ward ranked 3 out of 690 in Hertfordshire, where 1 is the lowest level). It is also a parish which is ethnically diverse, with approximately 40% of our worshippers coming from a community which is not white British. A parish where many of our members are on fixed or low incomes and struggle to make ends meet. A parish where there is considerable mobility, with a constant churn of residents. So we have our challenges; we scabble around to make our parish share, we feed the community through our porch pantry, we hear so many tales of hardship and do what we can. I think it is important to have people who represent the whole range of parishes serving on General Synod.

I am not a politician; I am not an academic. I have not tried to impress you by who I have persuaded to nominate me (both, by the way, serving parish priests). I think the Church of England needs to become less managerial/business model focussed and more pastoral. A living sacrament. I don't care what tradition the parish church is in...but I believe there should be one. I value the diversity which is one of the strengths of the England; I consider we should celebrate and nurture what we have and give parish priests the support that they need to do their job.

This is not the only thing I am passionate about... mission/social justice/education/inclusion are also important to me. And I know the challenges that the Church of England faces financially... but it is important that we don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

I hope that, if this speaks to you, you will be able to give me your support by giving me your first preference vote. Thank you.

*Proposed by*

Revd Helen Bryan, Vicar, St Clement's, Turnford (Cheshunt Deanery)

*Seconded by*

Revd Eugene Hanshaw, Vicar, St Mary the Virgin, Cheshunt (Cheshunt Deanery)



### Personal History and Experience

1976 – 1985 Police officer with the Metropolitan Police

1994 – 2007 Primary Teacher

2004-2007 Ordination Training (NTMTC)

2007 -2010 Assistant Curate Takeley and Little Canfield (Chelmsford Diocese)

2008 – 2010 Diocesan Synod Representative (Chelmsford)

2010 – 2017 Priest-in-charge, Leonard's, Lexden (Chelmsford Diocese)

2014-2017 Diocesan Synod Representative (Chelmsford)

2017- present. Team Vicar (now Team Rector) Cheshunt Team Ministry (St Albans)

2010- present. Spiritual Director

2012 -present. Bishop's Selection Adviser

2018 – present. Sea Cadets Chaplain (TS Intrepid)

2018 - present. Chair of Governors', Holy Trinity School, Waltham Cross

2020 – present. Lay Leader of Worship Trainer

2021 Diocesan Synod Representative, Cheshunt Deanery