

## **Revd Aneal Appadoo, Associate Minister, Christ Church Surbiton Hill**

**Proposed** by the Revd Anita Colpus, Vicar St Luke's Reigate, Area Dean of Reigate Deanery

**Seconded** by the Revd Joshua Rey, Vicar Holy Trinity Roehampton



After much prayer I am excited to be submitting myself for the opportunity to serve the Diocese of Southwark and the Church of England as a member of General Synod.

I dearly love Jesus and the Church of England, having been raised within her since my early childhood. I delight in the advantages she offers in the parish system and the diversity of her membership across this country. I have a passion for sharing the love of Jesus with all.

Although a young man, I bring with me nearly two decades of experience in both the secular workplace and within ministry – *both lay and ordained*. With experience working with Director level management in the banking industry, as well as experience leading a church plant among the urban poor for 4 years.

I have a great many skills in leadership and strategy and am someone who takes time to explore deeply the subjects I am thinking about. I can work well with those I have disagreement with seeking to balance both “grace” and “truth”.

I would be grateful if you would take some time to read the following election address and to consider supporting me in the forthcoming election as ideally your first choice, or if not, then your second or third choice.

### **Areas of Interest**

As I look ahead I see the priority for prayer and discipleship at the heart of church, and underpinning all of the issues we face in the next quinquennial. I am especially interested in the **Archbishop of York's “Vision and Strategy”** and believe I have a great deal to contribute towards all three streams. I have a gift for **developing and training the laity** to serve across the life of the church and have hands on experience of leading a fruitful **Fresh Expression** on a **council estate** for 4 years. I have a mind for **finances and strategy**, and a heart for **mission and evangelism**.

We are a diverse church, and if elected I would seek to engage with an open mind in all debates, listening attentively to discussions and considering my decisions in the light of scripture.

### **Brief Bio and Experience**

Born of a Hindu Indo-Mauritian father, and a Christian white British mother, I was raised by working class parents in highly deprived area of Kent. My wife works as a Counselling Psychologist in the NHS, and together we have two young children. This September we will celebrate 12 years of marriage together.

**Pre-Ordination:** 3 years transforming a failing restaurant after leaving school // 3 years developing a successful travel start-up // 4 years as a recruitment consultant providing mid to senior level candidates into the finance sector in London.

**Post-Ordination:** 4 years in a curacy at Holy Trinity Church Redhill, including responsibility for an estate FX // 2 years as Associate Minister for Christ Church Surbiton Hill, including 15 months of interregnum.

### **Churchmanship**

By God's grace I have a wide experience of the Church of England. I spent my early years until age 11 in a simple Anglo-Catholic church where I grew to love the richness and the beauty of a liturgical tradition, alongside the reverence of Communion.

In my early teens I had some experience in a more central, open church tradition, before joining a lively charismatic evangelical church.

Though labels are not always helpful, if asked I would say that I am an Anglican Evangelical with a deep love and affection for the history and richness of the Church of England. I enjoy the language, space and reverence often found in a more liturgical service, as well as the vibrancy of a more “contemporary” service.