

What will be the key issues for this Synod?

Mission and the Parish System

The Church of England has an important role in making God known in this land. Our parish system is important in this, and nearly all fresh initiatives for mission are started by our existing parish churches. I back a 'both and' approach known as the mixed ecology. This values the forms of church which spiritually feed those who currently attend and encourages parishes to develop new groups to enable those who don't come to Sunday worship to discover the riches of the Gospel.

Work with children

Fewer than 1% of children now attend Sunday School, so developing new ways of teaching the Christian Faith to children is important for the spiritual health of our nation. The General Synod can help by giving more time to debating effective evangelism among children and encouraging a more child friendly church.

Church Schools

Our schools are an important part of our church. As Local Chair of Governors at St Matthew's in Redhill, I know the challenges that face educators as we recover from the pandemic and would like to see the Synod discuss what Diocesan Boards of Education can do to help close the gap that the pandemic has created in the attainment of the poorest pupils.

The Environment

Human created global warming is having effects now, including

floods and heatwaves. The Synod has committed the church to achieving net zero by 2030, if this is to happen we will need to make significant changes now.

Some matters cannot be resolved locally – we need to get our government to back technologies to heat large buildings such as churches without using fossil fuel.

Clergy Well Being and The Clergy Discipline Measure

As part of the Ecclesiastical Law Society's working group on the Clergy Discipline Measure I'd like to be part of the Synod Steering Committee which reforms the measure, to reduce the harm the current situation causes to clergy who are the respondents.

I would also like a national discussion on bullying in the church and how to reduce it.

It is also time for a debate on clergy working conditions, including the current assumption that clergy work 6 days a week.

Relationships with other Christians

I am passionate about Christians of different denominations working together on mission and social projects. I long to see us able to share in worship more easily and would like the Synod to work to simplify the rules for sharing church buildings.

Living in Love and Faith

It is important for this process to continue, and for the



outcome to be one where we continue to value everyone in our churches. Please let's not split!

Something about me

Ordained in 1995 I have served in Oxford and Lincoln Dioceses before coming to the Reigate Archdeaconry. I have worked in Team Ministries in Thatcham and Reading and was Vicar of Frodingham in the heart of Scunthorpe, one of the more deprived areas of the country.

My husband Tim was a University Lecturer and SSM for 25 years, before becoming a parish priest in Scunthorpe. He is now Vicar of Tadworth

Synod Record

I was on General Synod between 2000 and 2012 and was part of the working group which wrote Mission Shaped Church. I have been part of the Methodist Anglican Panel for Unity in Mission for many years and am also a member of the Clergy Discipline Commission.

As well as speaking to the issues above, I am comfortable with legal matters and able to help scrutinise the legislation which will come before Synod to help it be as good as it can be.

O Lord Jesus Christ: draw us to yourself, that in common love and obedience to you we may be united to one another, in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen (William Temple)

